



PINK CLAW

2016 PINK CLAW GRENACHE ROSÉ

2015-2016 Growing season

Central Victoria had one of its coldest winters in some time, with low rainfall. Spring was warm and dry. The vines burst into life in September, with fantastic early season growth and development that was typical of recent seasons. The above average maximum temperatures in October encouraged the vines early development, these warmer conditions continued throughout the latter part of spring and into summer. December was particularly warm and dry, which had a significant influence on the eventual small berries and light bunches that occurred at harvest. January brought isolated storms, helping to maintain vine health through both atmospheric moisture/rain and cooler overcast ripening temperatures at times.

It was our earliest harvest on record, with the first parcel of Shiraz picked on 4 February and the last on 12 February. The Grenache was picked from 8-10 February for rosé. The fruit from 2016 looks exceptional across the board, with small berries, terrific natural acidity, tannin structure and concentration. The winemakers predict 2016 to be one of the best vintages in the region to date.



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| Region | Heathcote (Drummonds Lane) |
| Alc | 13.5% |
| Res. sugar | 0.12g/l |
| Tit. Acidity | 4.8g/l |
| pH | 3.35 |
| Winemaker | Tom Carson |
| Viticulturist | Vin Harrop |
| Harvested | 8 February |

Winemaking

Hand harvested from our vineyard on Drummonds Lane in Heathcote, the fruit spent a short period on skins for colour and flavour extraction and was then pressed to tank to complete fermentation. It spent 3 months on lees (no oak, 100% stainless steel).

Tasting note

The resulting wine has bright raspberry aromas and a crisp, dry, palate – with crunchy red berry fruit and a refreshing, savoury finish. It is bone dry, savoury and perfectly suited to modern Australian cuisine.

Pink Claw has been created by the Kirby family, founders of Yabby Lake, to help raise awareness of breast cancer which directly affects thousands of Australian families each year. A portion of the profits from the sale of this wine goes to Breast Cancer Network Australia.