



## Port Phillip Estate Salasso Rosé 2017 – Tasting Notes

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The Port Phillip Estate vineyard is located on the Mornington Peninsula at Red Hill, on Eocene volcanic soils. Our wines are made from domain grown, handpicked grapes and aim to manifest terroir: the integration of our geology and soils with the macroclimate of our region, the mesoclimates of the various sites within our vineyard and the weather of the annual grape growing season. Our cultural operations in the vineyard and practices in the winery endeavour to articulate these unique characteristics diligently, respectfully and without artifice.

### Vineyard

This Rosé was made from estate grown Shiraz and Pinot Noir grapes.

### Winemaking

The fruit was whole bunch pressed and fermentation commenced spontaneously with ambient yeasts in a mix of old French oak barriques, large-format foudre and concrete tank. Once dry, the wine was left sur lie for several months prior to bottling.

### Vintage

September was cold and wet and the predicted La Niña did not fully eventuate. The cold weather continued throughout October and November and the soils remained cool for longer than usual, resulting in a flowering period which was almost twice as long

as usual. There was some reduction in fruit-set that resulted in lower than average yields.

Throughout the growing season disease pressure was quite high. While the season presented us with challenges, the diligence and hard work of the viticultural team ensured the health of our vineyards. We continue to produce our estate made compost and our fungal compost tea. Our knowledge of our properties continues to evolve, providing a strong foundation for future years.

Mild conditions and the occasional rain storm lengthened the harvest period. Picking concluded mid-April, for some of our blocks this was the latest they had been picked in over a decade. The wines are showing a finesse and coolness from the longer growing season, with great acidity and bright flavours.

### Tasting Note – October 2017

The salmon orange colour of the 2017 Salasso Rose indicates the style of wine to follow – Notes of strawberry, musk and pink florals that are complimented by cardamom spice and orange peel. The cooler season has delivered a palate with cranberry-like acidity and a slight creaminess from the barrel ageing. More citrus on the palate that leads to a dry, spice laden finish.

### Alcohol

12.5%