



Port Phillip Estate Salasso Rosé 2021 – Tasting Notes

The Port Phillip Estate vineyards are located on the Mornington Peninsula at Red Hill and Balnarring. 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 Shiraz and Pinot Noir.

Winemaking

The fruit was whole bunch pressed and fermentation commenced spontaneously with ambient yeasts in large-format foudre and stainless steel tank. Once dry, the wine was left on lees for several months prior to bottling. The wine was bottled without fining.

Vintage

Although 2020 Winter was mild, it provided excellent rainfall, with approximately 225mm falling evenly throughout June, July and August. Budburst commenced in the second week of September, a typical start to a season on the Mornington Peninsula.

Spring presented typical conditions with fluctuating temperatures and rainfall. Temperatures stabilised before flowering, and the region experienced favourable conditions throughout this critical time of the season. All our vineyards enjoyed good flowering and fruit set.

While early Summer rainfall was below average, conditions shifted to wet and humid during January. The viticultural team worked diligently to ensure our vineyards remained disease-free. Veraison commenced mid-January, earlier than the last couple of seasons. Our vineyards were replenished with good natural rainfall during this time, thus satisfying the increased water demand of grapevines.

The sunny but relatively cool weather throughout February meant ripening was slow and steady. Harvest commenced in early March and continued into early April. The weather remained mild throughout, and harvest progressed at an even pace, providing ideal conditions.

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The engaging and vibrant nose offers red floral notes with a peppery spice, together with fresh summer berries and orange zest. Gently flowing and finely chiselled, the palate delivers flavours of strawberry, raspberry and fresh cream. The finish is dry, savoury and capped with a moreish red-berry acidity.

13% alc.