

# BABY DOLL



BY YEALANDS FAMILY WINES



## ROSÉ MARLBOROUGH 2017

Babydolls are rare sheep, so small they barely reach your knees. Unlike traditional sheep, these happy little helpers are miniature enough to be kept on our vineyard year-round, because they can't reach the grapes. Our tiny vineyard sheep lessen the need to mow with tractors, reducing our carbon emissions and producing lots of natural fertiliser.

Babydoll Wines are dedicated to our woolly workers who reflect our winery's innovative thinking and commitment to doing things a bit differently.

### VINEYARD

Marlborough experienced a mild-to-cool spring period, which ensured that the vines naturally produced lighter than average yields. These mild temperatures then extended into the summer months, coupled with an unseasonable period of rain, which ultimately alleviated the drought conditions we had experienced over the past two years. Carrying lighter than usual crops along with the cooler weather meant vintage started only a week later than previous years.

### WINEMAKING

The parcels of fruit that created this Pinot Rosé were individually harvested over a period of two weeks. The fruit was crushed, destemmed, briefly soaked, then gently pressed. The juice was cold settled for 48hrs then racked prior to a long cool fermentation in stainless steel tanks to capture bright, fresh fruit characters. Each parcel was fermented separately with a range of yeasts to build complexity and structure. Following fermentation the wine was blended, stabilised and filtered prior to bottling.

### WINEMAKING ANALYSIS

HARVEST DATE: 28<sup>th</sup> March - 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017

VINEYARD: Marlborough

ALCOHOL: 13.0%, PH: 3.45

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 5.2 g/l, TA: 6.3

### WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

This pretty light peach coloured Rosé has an enticing bouquet of pomegranate, fresh strawberries and honeysuckle. A juicy, rich palate with warming flavours of strawberry shortcake, which is given focus and length by well-balanced acidity. Have with goats cheese, light summer salads, or your favourite shellfish.

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