

BABY DOLL

Babydoll Rosé 2015

Having sheep graze in the vineyard cuts down on energy intensive mowing, but has its pitfalls once the vines grow and the grapes emerge. Yealands Family Wines are renowned for environmentally sustainable initiatives and has come up with an all-season solution. The Babydoll miniature sheep stand barely two feet tall. Too short to reach the fruit, these pint-sized organic-weeder's provide year round mowing and pest control, plus a handy dose of fertiliser. Nurtured from the ground up with sustainable practices and produced in a carboNZero certified winery, the pure and intense flavours reflect the winery's innovative thinking in tune with the environment.

Wine Analysis

Harvest Date:	27 th March 2015
Vineyard:	Selected Hawkes bay vineyards
Total Acidity:	4.63
Alcohol:	13%
pH:	3.40
Residual Sugar:	2.8 g/l

Vintage

2015 was the third great Hawkes Bay vintage in a row. We had a temperate and quite dry spring setting slightly below average yields. The summer was warm and dry with cool nights, and the fruit developed with small berries and good flavours leading into harvest. Cyclone Pam was predicted to cause havoc in mid - march but ended up only wetting the dry soils with ~ 60 mm. The Merlot was harvested a week later in great condition. The wines this harvest are characterised by their freshness and elegance with good flavours.

Winemaking

The fruit was destemmed, chilled then soaked on skins briefly in the press to extract an attractive pink hue. The fruit was then pressed off to a stainless tank and left to settle for two days. Once settled, the clear juice was racked off and warmed before being inoculated with yeast specially selected to enhance fresh and lifted fruity aromatics. A cool fermentation took place over 19 days. The wine was then racked, stabilised and filtered before bottling.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

This Rosé is bursting with juicy red summer berry flavours. Being Merlot based, this fruity wine has gentle acids creating a friendly and fun summer drink. Enjoy this wine chilled.

Food match: A picnic basket filled with your favourite summer snacks.

