



Henskens Rankin 2013 Brut Rosé

Winemaker: Frieda Henskens

Grape(s): 50% Chardonnay, 50% Pinot Noir

GI: Tasmania

Site(s): White Rock vineyard, Kimberley, NW Tasmania

Vintage notes: Although the 2013 sparkling harvest commenced as usual in late February, favorable flowering and fruit-set gave a greater than normal proportion of large bunches with large berries. Delayed ripening in 2013 resulted in a prolonged season with sparkling from the coolest sites being picked in May. Warm, dry days and cool, crisp nights resulted in flavorful and balanced fruit.

Vineyard notes: White Rock pioneered winegrowing in Tasmania's wild & comparatively wetter, cooler NW. Planted in 1992, on north-facing slopes overlooking the Mersey river, the vineyard is bathed in bright sunshine & enjoys cool, crisp evening temperatures. The resident flock of guinea fowl are responsible for insect pest management. The fruit was grown on alluvial soils from the "Top Farm" blocks of the vineyard.

Winemaking: Deliberately low-tech, the juice goes straight by bucket from the hand-crank basket press into old oak barrels to undergo spontaneous fermentation. The color is achieved through direct maceration of the pinot noir component on skins prior to pressing, not saignée or the addition of red wine. Six years on lees (disgorged June 2019), 7.5 g/L dosage, TA 7.66 g/L, pH 3.15, no MLF. Vegan friendly.

Closure: DIAM

ABV: 13.4%

LEGEND tasting notes: Delicate pale blush. Complex nose of fresh red fruits (raspberries, strawberries, ribberries), hints of blackcurrant/rhubarb, crunchy red apple with lemon aspen (a floral native citrus) top notes from chardonnay. Savory undertones and acid line compliment a creamy, textural mouthfeel to give a refined palate and lingering finish.

Label design: The colors reflect the hues of the Tasmania landscape, especially at dawn and dusk. Rose gold lettering and neck label reflect the salmon hue of the wine. The logo is based on Frieda and David's stylized joint initials.

Production size: 830 bottles, individually numbered

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