

Terre à Terre Piccadilly Rosé 2019

December 2019

Terre à Terre is proud to present its fourth release of Piccadilly Rosé coming from its 3 vineyards in the Piccadilly Valley (Adelaide Hills): the Bizot Vineyard, the Heysen Vineyard and the Summertown Vineyard. The Bizot vineyard was planted in 1995-1996 with mostly Chardonnay (and a small parcel of Pinot Noir), the Heysen Vineyard in 1996 with Pinot Noir mostly, and the Summertown Vineyard was first planted in 1987 with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Whilst some parcels in each vineyard are used for table wines, most of the fruit is used for sparkling.

A warmer than average growing season was tempered by higher than average rainfall in spring and early summer in the Piccadilly Valley. Yields are very low (similar to 2014), and quality for sparkling base is superb in 2019. All the vineyards were harvested for sparkling in the first half of March 2019.

The fruit was transported back to the Tapanappa winery and left to chill before it was whole-bunch pressed. The juice from the first 550L per tonne was used for sparkling, and the pressings were racked to a separate tank. The pressings had lower acidity, higher sugar concentration and higher colour than the free drain juice and, like in 2016 and 2017, we decided to use these pressings to make our Rosé. After one month settling in tank, the juice from the pressings of Chardonnay (30%) and Pinot Noir (70%) sparkling base fruit was racked to old French barrels for fermentation. As it finished fermentation, the wine was showing great flavours (fresh berries) and good texture. We decided to leave the wine on lees for another few months to improve the texture and flavours.

The wine was racked off lees in November 2019 and left to cold settle in tank for a few weeks, before being lightly filtered to bottle mid December 2019.

This Terre à Terre Piccadilly Rosé release is a great example of rosé, with a very light colour. Even though it looks like a Provence rosé, it has more complexity than Provence rosé and is more similar in taste to Sancerre rosé, being made mostly from Pinot Noir, with a nice Chardonnay twist. It has great texture and very appealing berry flavours, and is a great aperitif wine, or can accompany a wide range of food.

Terre à Terre is distributed to independent retailers and leading restaurants around Australia by Terroir Selections.

RRP: \$32