

# Down to Earth Piccadilly ROSÉ 2023

The 2023 Piccadilly ROSÉ is made from Cabernet Franc, Trousseau, Merlot and Mondeuse harvested from our Piccadilly Valley vineyards. It is aged in old oak, with some time on lees. It is a more complex style of rosé than most Australian examples and can be aged for up to five years. The 2023 has the hallmark of Trousseau Noir – fresh strawberries, pomegranate, and some flinty notes. It also has the cherry blossoms and floral aromatics of Cabernet Franc. A very complex wine - for a rosé!

### Harvest date:

All varieties were hand harvested on the  $17^{\rm th}$  of April 2023.

## Vineyard description:

The vineyards are in the heart of the Piccadilly Valley sub-region of the Adelaide Hills, at high altitudes of 500m and above. The Piccadilly vineyards are all managed by Terre à Terre, following the same strict management practices as the Crayères Vineyard, i.e. hand pruning (Guyot Double), shoot thinning, green harvest to control yields, and hand harvesting.

### Vintage description:

The 2023 vintage was incredibly cool and gave us close to average rainfall. The season remained cool in the summer months, and the lower than average crops (due to poor fruit set) meant that we could ripen all grape varieties to perfection.

## Winemaking:

The fruit was transported to the Tiers winery and crushed, destemmed, and chilled to the press. It was left to macerate on skins in the press for two hours to extract colour. After one week settling in tank, the juice was racked to old French barrels for fermentation. As it finished fermentation, the wine was showing great flavours and we left the wine on lees for another few months to develop further texture and flavours. The wine was racked off lees in early 2024 and bottled soon after with a light filtration.

## **Cellaring Potential:**

2-5 years

## Food Pairing ideas:

Pear, Parmesan shaving and rocket salad.

Tray baked pork and veal sausages with cherry tomatoes and Kipfler potatoes.

### **Grape Varieties:**

Trousseau Noir (48%), Cabernet Franc (33%), Merlot (10%) and Mondeuse (9%)

#### **Closure:**

Stelvin



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