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**RASA WINES**

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## **RASA 2019 'Early Nancy' Rosé**

**Winemaker:** Andy Cummins

**Grapes:** 45% Cinsault, 31% Grenache, 22% Mourvèdre, 2% Riesling

**GI:** Barossa Valley

**Sites:** Three single vineyards, one in Vine Vale (cinsault and mourvèdre), one in Krondorf (grenache), and one in Flaxman Valley, Eden Valley (riesling)

**Vintage notes:** Low yielding, however the quality was high, with good expressions of varietal character, balance, and structure. A dry winter, spring and summer with warmer than average temperatures in January and February lead to quite early maturity of all grape varieties in the Valley.

**Vineyard notes:** The cinsault and mourvèdre are biodynamically farmed on Vine Vale's deep sand over clay soils at 350m in elevation. Owned and farmed by Wayne Ahrens and Suzi Hilder. James Ehrat in Krondorf grows the Grenache. The Krondorf site is a 25-30yr old bushvine block farmed organically. Hard red-brown texture contrast soils with alkaline subsoil. 315m above sea level. NW aspect. Riesling is planted 460m above sea level on acidic quartz soils. Organic farming and 65-80 year old vines.

**Winemaking:** Native yeast and bacteria. The cinsault had 14 days carbonic maceration before being basket pressed to a seasoned French oak puncheon where it was topped up with direct pressed grenache and mourvèdre. The Riesling portion was aged under flor to add a briny acid line. Full malolactic fermentation, racked to stainless tank for bottling.

**Closure:** Natural cork

**ABV:** 13%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** Deep salmon in color. Aromatics of small red berries (lilly pilly, muntries), musky florals, white pepper and a hint of sea spray. Fruit is more savory than in previous years, owing to increasing vine age, with nuances of strawberry gum, anise myrtle, and caperberry. Palate is bright with a crunchy mid palate and savory, soft tannins.

**Label design:** All label art is done by Andy's younger sister, Lily Cummins, who holds a Masters from the National Art School in Sydney. She visits the vineyards, tastes the wines, and then does a rendering based on her impressions. 'Early Nancy' (Wurmbea dioica) is an edible flower native to South Australia.

**Production size:** 28 dozen