



RASA WINES

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RASA 2020 'Early Nancy' Rosé

Winemaker: Andy Cummins

Grapes: 78% Cinsault, 15% Mourvèdre, 7% Grenache,

GI: Barossa Valley

Sites: Two single vineyards, one in Vine Vale (cinsault and mourvèdre) and one in Krondorf (grenache)

Vintage notes: Average rainfall through the winter, which was up from the previous year. A chilly and windy spring, with some weather events that created flowering issues, resulting in shot berries later in the year. Dry and cool summer, but with some warm weather spikes in February as grapes went through veraison. Not an easy vintage, but one that resulted in expressive, concentrated, balanced wine.

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.

Winemaking: Native yeast and bacteria. The cinsault and mourvèdre were both picked on March 13, 2020. The cinsault had 10 days carbonic maceration before being whole-bunch pressed to a seasoned French oak puncheon. The mourvèdre was foot-stomped, left to macerate for six hours, then pressed to top the cinsault barrel with the remaining juice fermented in a stainless steel tank. The grenache was picked soon after and treated the same as the mourvèdre.

Closure: Natural cork

ABV: 12.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: Deep salmon in color. Aromatics of cranberry, quandong (a native red peach), watermelon, basil, white pepper and a ruby saltbush. 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