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## Mother Block 2022 Rosé

**Winemaker:** Bart van Olphen

**Grape(s):** 52% Sagrantino, 18% Glera, 13% Vermentino, 11% Lambrusco, 2% Dolcetto, 2% Graciano, 1% Malbec, 1% Nebbiolo

**GI:** Murray Darling    **Production size:** 1000 dozen

**Site(s):** Estate vineyard at Merbein, Victoria

**Vintage notes:** The 2022 vintage saw summer temperatures well below the average with cooler nights. This allowed for longer hangtime, giving more flavor development while retaining higher natural acidity. Ferments behaved in most situations normally, but with a couple of exceptions finishing when the weather warmed up in Spring.

**Vineyard notes:** The 35-hectare 'Mother Block' is at the heart of all that the Chalmers family does. As well as it being the location of the family home and business, this unique and diverse vineyard houses plantings of each variety that Chalmers have imported to Australia over the last 20 years. It is the source block for supplying millions of vines planted across Australia. As with all Chalmers sites, working with climate appropriate varieties is key. Soft applications are used on the vineyard and undervine management is kept to bare earth to continue to save water where possible. Large vines and vine canopies are encouraged to grow enough leaf for sufficient transpiration, shade, and coverage to handle the extreme heat waves of the region. The vines are planted on red sandy loam with a limestone base underneath.

**Winemaking:** Machine-harvested with a cool tank co-fermentation in stainless steel and aged on fine lees before bottling to add texture and mouth feel. Vegan friendly.

**Closure:** Stelvin    **ABV:** 12.7%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** A co-fermented blend pulling the best qualities from six red varieties imported by Chalmers (as well as two whites!). The aromatics combine bright pink fruit – rhubarb, strawberry, watermelon – with rose and orange rind. The palate is fresh and bright, with nice grip and an almost Campari-like bitterness leading to a classic dry finish.

**Label design:** The label is a watercolor aerial map of the Chalmers Merbein vineyard in Murray Darling, Victoria created by Traverse Maps Co.

**Scores:** 92 Points, Best Buy (Wine Enthusiast)