# 2020 Bladen Pinot Noir Rosé

## BLADEN WINES, MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND



### THE WINE:

This 100% Pinot Noir Rosé was made from fruit from a single vineyard, the Bladen Estate vineyard, an 8 acre property planted in 1989. The 2020 vintage was classic for the region with harvest coming in late March. The harvest was done by hand as was the de-stemming followed by a gentle press with only about 2-3 hours of skin to juice contact. Fermentation occurs in stainless steel and there is no contact with oak. The wine was bottled on June 24th, 2020. Less than 400 cases were made in 2020.

#### THE ESTATE:

Bladen wines was established back in 1989 when Dave and Christine Macdonald left their lives in the city to follow their passion and dream of growing grapes and making wine. Along with their two children, Blair and Deni (whose names combine to form the genesis of the Bladen wines) they set forth on this adventure and settled in the Marlborough region along the banks of the Wairu River Valley. The first vineyard was planted all by hand in 1989. Today, under the guidance of winemaker Rowan Langdon and the consulting winemaker Sam Smail, Bladen wines produces small quantities of high quality wines from sustainably grown vineyards. The main varietals they produce are Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer and Pinot Noir.

#### TASTING NOTES:

**Color:** pale pink

Aromas: tart strawberry, minerals, peaches and subtle white

pepper

Flavor & Texture: fresh and vibrant on the palate with ber-

ries, watermelon and a crisp, dry finish

Food Pairing: smoke salmon or summer salads

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