

SARFIELD ESTATE 2009 Rosé



Vineyard

Sarsfield Estate Vineyard is located in the Lakes and Wilderness area of East Gippsland, Victoria. All grapes are exclusively estate-grown.

Grapes

The major grape varieties used for this wine were Pinot noir, Merlot and Cabernet Franc.

Winemaking

Rosé is made by crushing red grapes and pressing them early, before colour and bitter and astringent tannins have been extracted from the skins. But the lack of tannin generally causes Rosé wines to mature quicker than reds. They are usually drunk while they are young and lively and not cellared for more than a year or two. This year's Rosé has quite a lot, but very soft tannins and we expect it to age more slowly than usual.

Tasting Notes

Appearance: Rich rose colour.
Nose : Intense floral and berry characters.
Palate: Refreshingly dry but very fruity, with a hint of butter and oak. Luscious, soft mouthfeel. 13.5% Alc.

Best Drinking

Now
Serve slightly chilled to cold. Excellent with seafood, terrine, chicken and most Asian dishes.

Label

Local artist Max Nicolson has specially created a watercolour painting for the label of the new Sarsfield Estate Rosé. The painting overlooks the Gippsland Lakes from Point Tyers near Metung, looking towards Raymond Island, Paynesville and Bairnsdale, with Mount Taylor in the background.