

Pink Palette 2019

Technical Information:

Appellation	VOA Niagara Peninsula
Vineyard(s)	Various
Grape Variety(ies)	Cabernet Franc
Brix at Harvest	20.7°
Alcohol Content	12.5%
Residual Sugar	6.7 grams (just off-dry)
Total Production	300 cases of 12



TASTING NOTES

This rosé made from Cabernet Franc has aromas of strawberry and cherry with a hint of exotic spice and pepper. It is just off-dry and deliciously fruity, yet mouth-watering and refreshing. This ultra-quaffable rosé is best served lightly chilled throughout the summer and warm fall months, but is equally delicious year round.

Made with early consumption in mind, consider serving this alongside pretty much any fish, shellfish, barbecued or smoked dishes, salads and even alongside fresh fruit and eggs for a delicious Sunday brunch. The lightness and fruitiness of this wine make it suitable for lightly spiced dishes too, which opens up the whole world of Asian and Mexican cuisine too.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Cabernet Franc for our Pink Palette was harvested in early October when it had reached the perfect balance of phenolic ripeness and acidity. Roughly 24 hours of skin contact after crushing and destemming was permitted in order to secure the all-important pink hue and multitude of flavours trapped in the skins. This wine was 100% fermented and aged in stainless steel and bottled in March 2020.

VINTAGE NOTES

After a fairly cold winter, mild weather began in March but it was some time until real warm weather began, giving the growing season a slow and wet start. The summer was quite warm and allowed for full phenolic maturity in all varieties. Harvest started in the second week of September for sparkling and was quickly followed by early ripening whites such as Pinot Gris, followed by Chardonnay and Riesling at the end of September and early October. The temperatures were mild but a bit wet so Pinot Noir and Gamay were also harvested early October followed by Cabernet Franc in late October. There was a snow storm in mid November so yields were reduced on Cabernet Sauvignon which was harvested in late November. The quality of the grapes was very good to excellent with high acidity and concentrated flavours throughout the portfolio. Wines should have the capacity to age for the medium to long term.