



ROAD 13

Honest John's Rosé 2017

VITICULTURE:

The 2017 growing season was an interesting and highly unusual roller coaster ride! We had higher than normal rainfall and rather cool temperatures in the spring that prompted initial concerns about having to reduce our crop levels in order to ensure sufficient ripeness by the end of the season. Before we could act on our concerns, the weather turned and we ended up with one of the warmest, driest summers in 40 years. The heat and dry weather caused forest fires in other areas of the province and the Pacific Northwest, which resulted in low levels of smoke in the atmosphere for about 2 months during the summer. The smoke reflected a good deal of the sunlight away from our vines and kept the daytime temperatures very moderate, resulting in virtually perfect temperatures for ripening of the fruit. The net result was that we ended up with high flavour intensity, moderate sugars, and fresh, crisp levels of acidity, which are the 3 attributes required for a great vintage!

WINEMAKING:

During vintage, the grapes for the 2017 Honest John's Rose were all hand sorted, destemmed and crushed into small vessels where they underwent a 48 hour soak on skins to gently extract colour. They were then pressed and the juice settled overnight before a long, cool fermentation to ensure the wine's intensely fruity aromas were maximized.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2017 Honest John's Rose is vibrant pink in colour and has an intense and complex nose filled with sweet aromas of strawberry, cherry, rose petal, citrus, and hints of apricot. These flavours continue strongly onto the palate where there are juicy strawberry and cherry notes framed in a rich, mouth-filling palate with a long, elegant finish. The wine offers pure freshness and hedonistic pleasure and pairs well with Pacific Rim Cuisine and your patio on a hot day.

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PRODUCTION: 2700 cases

THE BLEND:

70.5% Merlot 19% Gamay Noir 4.9% Viognier 4.1% Syrah
1% Pinot Noir 0.5% Cabernet Franc

WINE Chemistry:

Avg Brix: 23.7 pH: 3.3 TA: 5.8 g/L
Alcohol: 13.8 % RS: 7.1 g/L

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