

ROSÉ

Zinfandel Rosé 2005

This is the first Rosé I have made. It was not high on the list of priorities (after about 20 vintages, that is probably stating the obvious), but there is a first time for most things. The weather pressure for vintage 05 suggested trying to make a full blooded Zin from this precocious grape was going to be like getting Winston Peters to tell the same story twice. Many Rosés are made by running juice off to enhance the rest of a red ferment – colour and tannin wise. This wine was destined to be a Rosé from the start, and was made from 100% of the Zin crop harvested in excellent condition. The wine has lively aromatics reminiscent of strawberries, and a fresh alive palate suggesting light cherry flavours, and finishes with fresh natural Zin acidity.