# TANTALUS ROSÉ HAWKES BAY 2018



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#### WINEMAKING

Whole bunch pressed and, following cold settling, racked to stainless and inoculated with a selected single strain for a slow fermentation to retain aromatic expression.

## VINEYARDS & HARVEST

Region: Hawkes Bay Grapes: Pinot Noir

## VINTAGE REPORT

A warm, dry, early summer lead to a very hot January and February with record Grower Degree Days (up 16%). A significant rain event in March and 3 weeks of unsettled weather following, rainfall was moderate to low but very high humidity. Not a classic vintage, but the settled weather from early April resulted in some exceptional reds and rose.

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

| Alcohol: | Residual Sugar: | рН:  | TA:    | Fining: |
|----------|-----------------|------|--------|---------|
| 13.5%    | 1.1g/l          | 3.31 | 5.7g/l | Milk    |

#### TASTING NOTES

Intense aromas of rose petal, strawberry compote, watermelon, and hints of ginger. A generous palate of fresh red berries, pink grapefruit, and Tahitian lime complement the citrus backbone

Cellaring Potential: 1-3 years.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Steamed mussels with tomatoes and garlic, Kingfish sashimi with wasabi mayonnaise, Lamb chops with ratatouille, Traditional pad thai, Mediterranean whole roasted red snapper

