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ROSÉ

2025

WINEMAKING

Whole bunch pressed and macerated on skins. Cold settled in SS tank, racked without fining to a concrete egg, then inoculated with a selected single yeast strain for a slow fermentation to retain aromatic expression while building texture in the egg with lees contact. 40% of the juice was wild fermented in French oak barrels for structure and aged with regular bâtonnage for an extra layer of complexity.

HARVEST REPORT

Region: Waiheke Island
Grapes: Merlot, Syrah, Cabernets
Harvest: 100% hand harvest
Dates: 26 February, 2025
Brix: 20.2 - 22.5
Production: 35 hl/ha

VINTAGE REPORT

The 2025 vintage at Tantalus Estate stands as a benchmark season, characterized by prolonged, sun-drenched summer conditions that delivered good yields and exceptional fruit quality. A warm, dry spring ensured a stable flowering and successful fruit set, while a hot, humidity-free summer provided ideal ripening conditions with virtually no disease pressure. This heat accumulation allowed our late-ripening varieties like Cabernet and Syrah to reach full maturity, resulting in wines of immense power, structure, and cellaring potential. The season concluded with a leisurely harvest under "Indian Summer" skies from late February to April, allowing us to pick pristine fruit at optimal physiological ripeness.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Alcohol:	Residual Sugar:	pH:	TA:
13%	3.9 g/L	3.31	7.97 g/L

TASTING NOTES

This Tantalus Rosé displays brilliantly in salmon coral, alluding to its extended time on skins. A consonance of sun-ripened red fruits with delicate rose water and a whisper of exotic spice, gracefully balanced by a vibrant acidity. Its elegant structure, indicating careful oak integration, leads to a long, mineral-driven finish that captures the essence of Onetangi's unique terroir. This rosé is an enchanting companion for cherished moments and culinary delights.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Haku/Kingfish dressed with Rhubarb, Fennel, Almond & Citrus or Heirloomacy Tomato Buratta

