



## 2021 Elephant Hill Rosé

Established in 2003, Elephant Hill is located within a stone's throw of the Pacific Ocean on the idyllic Te Awanga coast of Hawke's Bay on New Zealand's North Island.

The winemaking at Elephant Hill is driven by tradition while not losing sight of what innovation can bring to the blend. Our aim is to make wines that are balanced, elegant and a true expression of the vineyards they come from.

## Vintage Overview

A very warm and dry season with well above-average heat summation (1,360 Growing Degree Days), combined with below-average rainfall set the vineyards up well. Low yields gave rise to good flavour concentration and careful selections allowed us to harvest our Syrah and a small parcel of Viognier in excellent condition on the 17th and 23rd of March. Harvested from our "Stone" vineyard in the Gimblett Gravels and our "Sea" vineyard at Te Awanga.

## Winemaking

The Syrah grapes were left to rest briefly on skins before being gently pressed. The gentle extraction of colour during this period has resulted in the wine's delicate hue. Following a brief settling period, the juice was then cool fermented to ensure the preservation of fruit purity, freshness and aromatic intensity. Post fermentation the wine rested for several months before being blended with a small portion of Viognier. The final wine was lightly fined, filtered and bottled young to retain vibrancy.

## Tasting Note

Fragrant aromas of strawberry and floral notes lead into flavours of delicious summer berries and white stone fruit. This dry styled Rosé shows good palate weight and fruit concentration and is held together by refreshing acidity on a finely textured palate. Serve lightly chilled and enjoy on its own as an aperitif or serve with antipasto, salads, mild flavoured white meats or perfect with classic Neapolitan style pizza.

## Review

Yet to be reviewed.

## Technical Data

### Vineyard

61% Gimblett Gravels (Syrah)  
39% Te Awanga (Syrah & Viognier)

### Wine

Alcohol content: 13%  
Residual Sugar: 2.6 g/L  
pH: 3.30  
TA: 6.50 g/L



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