



Oldfield Series 2 Bench Rosé 2009

Founded on rich farm land in 1993, Tinhorn Creek overlooks a lush landscape and the old gold mining creek that is the winery's namesake. The winery's 150 acre vineyards: "Diamondback" on the Black Sage Bench, and "Tinhorn Creek" on the Golden Mile Bench, provide winemaker Sandra Oldfield with the fruit to craft superb wines that truly represent the place they are grown. Carefully selected at harvest, hand-crafted in the cellar, the Oldfield Series is a tribute to the top wines of each vintage.

Winemaking

This is the first vintage of Rosé that Sandra Oldfield has made and it was done covertly in the wee hours of the morning. It consists 46% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Franc, and 8% Pinot Gris. This Rosé was produced using the Saignee method, or bleeding of the vats. This means that after crushing, the grapes went into the tank and shortly afterwards the juice was drained off its skins for fermentation in 4 stainless steel barrels. The Cabernet Franc juice had 24 hours of skin contact time while the Merlot had only six hours. Once in the stainless steel barrels, the wine went through cold fermentation. After fermentation, the barrels were racked and topped up with Pinot Gris then blended together before bottling.

Tasting Notes

The Oldfield Series Rosé is light cranberry pink in colour. This wine is crisp and lively with lots of juicy strawberry, pink grapefruit, rhubarb and citrus aromas and flavours. Although it has some residual sugar it finishes dry due to its high acidity.

Food Pairings

Try this lively Rosé with baguettes with pate, dungeness crab or a lentil salad. A glass on a sunny patio would go nicely too!

Technical Info

Case Produced: 103
Date Bottled: April 6, 2010
Release Date: June 1, 2010
Price: \$20 (Crush Club only)

Alcohol: 13.9%
Residual Sugar: 11.4 g/L
TA: 7.5
pH: 3.07
Brix: 24.5

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