

Kangaroo Island little island red

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KANGAROO ISLAND 2022 ROSÉ

Springs Road runs east/ west across the Northern part of Kangaroo Island, South Australia. Springs Road vineyard was established in 1994 on a small sheep property off Springs Road about 7km west of Kingscote.

little island wine by Springs Road Wines Kangaroo Island

The label is inspired by the front cover of a short history of Kangaroo Island that was published in 1951 by the Kingscote branch of the CWA (Country Women's Association). Kangaroo Island is actually quite big. It's Australia's 3rd biggest island after Tasmania and Melville Island, and is up to 155km long and 55km wide. Look at it on a map next to the mainland however, and you can hardly see it.

Vineyards

Purchased in 2016, the vineyards are now owned and operated by Joch Bosworth and Louise Hemsley-Smith from McLaren Vale's Battle of Bosworth wines. Vines were planted by the previous owners between 1994 and 2000.

Vineyards are on predominantly sandy loam soils over limestone and marl (clay) with some patches of Bay of Biscay soils (black cracking clays), interspersed with some ironstone. Soils are shallow and relatively infertile. We have a low annual average rainfall, between 400-500mm annually.

Vintage 2022

We had a wet winter on KI, which recharged soils with moisture in time for the growing season. November was quite windy, which can impact fruit set, but it turns out that this vintage we had a very even crop. Summer was mild without any big heat spikes which are perfect conditions for a long, slow ripening period. As a consequence, grapes from vintage 2022 have terrific fruit intensity and lovely acidity. Conditions in McLaren Vale followed similar patterns to Kangaroo Island, with less wind in November.

Winemaking

The little island rosé is a dedicated rosé – we picked the Shiraz from our Kangaroo Island and McLaren Vale vineyards early to make this wine. Once in the winery, the grapes were pressed off skins and then fermented in stainless steel tanks, just like a white wine.

Tasting Notes

little island rosé is a bright fresh style (with a beautiful pale pink colour) with a nose of pomegranate and a whiff of watermelon and a little strawberries and cream, bringing together shiraz from our favourite regions of Kangaroo Island and McLaren Vale. It's a dry style, with lovely acidity and a crisp finish.

I write this tasting note with a glass of this wine next to me as the rain hurls down and the mercury drops and winter looms (it is officially winter now) but this wine gives hope of warm spring days sitting on the deck and kicking back.

Technical Details

Picking date: 20th March 2022 (KI) 2nd March 2022 ☑ Vineyard Block:
Vineyard Block: A Block Shiraz
Alcohol: 12.5%
Bottled: 22nd May 2022

