



WILD ROCK

VIN GRIS ROSE
HAWKES BAY
ROSE

2009 Highlights

“This dark rose-pink wine from Hawkes Bay in New Zealand is a blend of merlot, malbec, pinot noir and syrah. The nose offers notes of strawberry, spice, hay and lime. The layered flavor has touches of pear and lemon and an acidity so lively the wine almost sparkles in the mouth. Serve with sea scallops, tuna noodle casserole and grilled whitefish.”

Bill Daley – Chicago Tribune – August 2010

87 Points, 4 Stars

“A lovely refreshing style displaying gentle aromas of raspberry, strawberry and spring flower. It's nicely fruited on the palate with a whisper of sweetness (6 g/l) which is beautifully balanced by the crisp acidity. The wine flows well and is immediately appealing on the palate.”

Sam Kim – www.wineorbit.co.nz – March 2010

2008 Highlights

“A charming, delicately hued blend of merlot (mainly), malbec, syrah and pinot noir. Ideal summer fare, it's full of juicy cherry and wild strawberry flavours. Served chilled on its own or with niçoise or French bread and taramasalata.”

The Daily Telegraph – August 2010

2½ stars (out of 3)

“Crisp and tangy with dry, refreshing flavors.”

Eric Asimov – June 2009

“Gris in name only, this wine is actually a rose made from an unusual blend of six red-wine grapes, including merlot, pinot noir, syrah, cabernet sauvignon and malbec. It's the heartier red grapes that give the wine its colour, and the softer grapes that give it a drink-now flavour. Technically off-dry, this wine is all about up-front fruity flavours and prettiness. Serve it lightly chilled with salted pistachios and watch this wine shine.”

Joelle Thomson – Mindfood – January/February 2009

2 ½ stars (out of 3)

“Crisp and vibrant, with refreshing citrus and cranberry flavours and a hint of spice.”

Dave McIntyre, Washington Post, 24 June 2009

2006 Highlights

90 Points

"This wine raises the question: Is there anything with which Kiwi winemakers won't excel? This is simply the best rosé that I've tasted all spring or summer, with vivid fruit notes recalling red cherries and wild strawberries. There's no overt sweetness at all, as the only impression of sweetness is intimately connected with the fruit flavors. Although the stated alcohol level is 14%, the wine is light and lithe and endlessly refreshing.

Michael Franz – Wine Review Online - 24 July 2007

"About as perfect a rose as you'll find"

Darryl Roberts - Wine X Magazine - May 2007