



VILLA MARIA  
NEW ZEALAND



## Earth Garden

HAWKES BAY, ORGANIC  
Rosé 2020

### Tasting Note

This Organic Rosé from our Hawkes Bay Soler Vineyard showcases summer provoking aromas of blood-orange, rosehip and watermelon. The palate is rich and moreish, finishing refreshingly dry.

### Serving Suggestions

Best served chilled and enjoyed on warm summer days with a fresh alfresco fare. Particularly perfect with smoked salmon and seafood, but just as vibrant with nibbles such as a plant-based grazing board.

### Viticulture

Our key focus is to be environmentally responsible and to operate using sustainable practices in order to protect the land for future generations. Villa Maria has farmed organically since 2002 gaining Biogro certification in 2009. Our Organic vineyards are vibrant gardens alive with wildflowers and full of life. The Soler Vineyard is planted on free draining gravel soils well suited to applying organic farming principles.

### Season & Harvest

The Hawkes Bay 2020 vintage followed a warm dry summer which extended well beyond the completion of harvest, ensuring superb conditions for ripening. Merlot grapes are harvested cool to protect the aromatics, gently pressed upon arrival at the winery and the resulting clear juice is fermented in stainless steel using selected Biogro approved yeast strains. The wine is then left on its yeast lees for a closely monitored period of time to build palate weight without compromising freshness.

### Technical Details

VARIETIES: Merlot  
ALCOHOL: 13.5%  
PH: 3.26  
TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.67  
RESIDUAL SUGAR: 3.8g/L

This wine is vegan friendly and suitable for a plant-based diet.