

Muscat Rosé 2017

Musk Creek Vineyard, Flinders
Muscat Rouge à Petits Grains

Vineyard The vineyard at Musk Creek, managed by the Quealy team, has one block dedicated to Muscat Rouge à Petits Grains. Viticulture is the key winemaking tool for creating our rosé expression. Pruning restricts the crop size from the very beginning of the season. By summer small dark berries hang loose on bunches that burnish in the sun, creating perfume and soft lush tannin. Over autumn the grapes are left to hang & shrivel. Grapes are harvested at 15 Be — shrivelled but without botrytis.

Winery Muscat Rouge à Petit Grains from the Musk Creek Vineyard has small berries and bunches that suit this late harvest style. Gently stomped by foot and then fermented on skins to extract the skin's perfume & sugar. The must is then lightly pressed and settles for one week before racking and commencement of fermentation. Fermentation ceases at around 8% alcohol and 110 grams of residual sugar by chilling the wine down to 0 degrees centigrade.

Tasting Aroma of rose petal, spice, and Turkish delight. The palate is gently sweet with some pleasantly drying tannins & lingering rose petal flavour. Drink as an aperitif or to finish with cheese or fruit based pastry dessert.

Bottled June 26th

