

# DUDLEY

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## *Mary's Blush ~ Sparkling Rosé*

### ***Fruit***

This wine was produced primarily from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from a range of vineyards developed by the various Dudley partners. While the majority of the fruit was sourced from our own vineyards located at Willson's River, parcels of grapes also came from the 'Lincoln Green', 'Willoughby Exchange' and 'Porky Flat' plantings.

Harvesting fruit from such a collection of sources enabled the winemakers to decide on particular parcels in the vineyard, choosing grapes at the optimum ripeness required for this style of wine. In fact the Porky Flat vineyard contributed Shiraz rather than Cabernet Sauvignon, because a subtle spicy lift was desired in the finished product. In the main, the grapes were selected at the earlier stages of ripeness to ensure good natural acid balances were achieved.



### ***Vinification***

Based on the enormous success of our Pink Bay Rosé over a number of vintages since 2004 – always Cabernet Sauvignon based still wines, a move to a sparkling rosé style was a natural progression in our portfolio.

Accordingly the wine was handled carefully from the outset with soft, fruit-driven characters being the objective. Skin contact during fermentation was kept to a minimum; as much to ensure a gentle salmon pink colour was achieved as to avoid the risk of any harshness or phenolic characters.

This wine is all about fruit flavour, so the wine did not undergo malolactic fermentation, nor did it see any wood during its preparation.

### ***Description***

This wine is intentionally presented in clear glass so that the appealing bright pink/strawberry hues can be seen even before the bottle is opened. The eye-catching colour has a vibrancy about it and teases the senses into anticipation.

Upon opening, this gorgeous tippie pours with a lively effervescence, subsiding to a zesty glass full of pink enjoyment with fine trails of bubbles rising to the surface.

The nose is an amalgam of fresh berries, with raspberries and strawberries predominant, with just a hint of confectionery in the background. A touch of citrus spice rounds out the bouquet.

The wine literally dances on the tongue, with the bubbles giving way to a palate of fresh berry flavours that finish with a mouth watering tang. The flavours are clean and bright, showing both a residual sweetness but ending with a crisp acid finish. Enjoy this wine well-chilled, any time at all. It makes its own occasion.

### ***Technical***

<i>Alcohol by volume;</i>	13.8% v/v
<i>Varieties;</i>	55% Cabernet Sauvignon 45% Shiraz
<i>Geographical Indication;</i>	Kangaroo Island, South Australia.

