



# MONTE CREEK

LIVING LAND SERIES

2020  
ROSÉ

## The Wine

We're constantly experimenting in our cellar and don't believe in being dogmatic in how things are 'supposed' to be done. For this reason, we found that a small amount of Riesling in this year's Rosé made the wine a bit more serious and added a touch of finesse. The Marquette all comes from our Thompson Valley vineyards, where the cool nights help to lengthen the growing season of this early ripening variety. We fermented this batch a bit warmer to promote ester production (fruity aromas) and arrested the ferment when we felt the sugar/acid balance was spot on.

## The Vintage

The 2020 vintage was characterized by a relatively cool and slightly compressed season, with 50% budbreak occurring about a week later than normal on the 10th of May and harvest coming to an abrupt end when temperatures hit -11 Celsius on October 25th. The cool start to the season combined with the warm late summer period created conditions where phenolic maturity was on the same level as sugar maturity, something that B.C. sometimes has trouble achieving. Our winemaker was able to leave many batches on skins for extended periods thanks to the ripeness of the skins and seeds. Accordingly, the wines from 2020 tend to have moderate alcohol and well extracted but refined structure.

ALC	RS	TA	PH
13.3%	12G/L	9.8G/L	3.31



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