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little island rosé 2023

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Kangaroo Island / McLaren Vale

Springs Road runs east/ west across the Northern part of Kangaroo Island, South Australia. Spring Road vineyard was established in 1994 on a small sheep property off Springs Road about 7km west of Kingscote.

little island wine by Springs Road Wines Kangaroo Island

The label is inspired by the front cover of a short history of Kangaroo Island that was published in 1951 by the Kingscote branch of the CWA (Country Women's Association).

Kangaroo Island is actually quite big. It's Australia's 3rd biggest island after Tasmania and Melville Island, and is up to 155km long and 55km wide. Look at it on a map next to the mainland however, and you can hardly see it.

Vineyards

Purchased in 2016, the vineyards are now owned and operated by Joch Bosworth and Louise Hemsley-Smith from McLaren Vale's Battle of Bosworth wines. Vines were planted by the previous owners between 1994 and 2000.

Vineyards are on predominantly sandy loam soils over limestone and marl (clay) with some patches of Bay of Biscay soils (black cracking clays), interspersed with some ironstone. Soils are shallow and relatively infertile. We have a low annual average rainfall, between 400-500mm annually.

Vintage 2023

We had a dry-ish winter with late rains (they came eventually in August). The growing season was cool and reasonably dry. We had very few hot days during the ripening period and started picking (Chardonnay) about 12 days later than the previous year. Crops were small, similar in volume to 2022. The quality of fruit was excellent for both red and white varieties.

Winemaking

The little island rosé is a dedicated rosé – we picked the Shiraz from our Kangaroo Island and McLaren Vale vineyards early to make this wine. Once in the winery, the grapes were pressed off skins and then fermented in stainless steel tanks, just like a white wine. This process remains the same, year in and year out.

Tasting note

Another bright fresh style from the little island rosé stable; with a pale pink colour, faint whiffs of watermelon skin and strawberries and cream, this is a super example of a dry Rosé. As per the previous vintage (and first vintage of this little island rosé), it is an intentional blend of Shiraz from our Kangaroo Island and McLaren Vale shiraz. Drink chilled.

Tech details

Picking date — 31st March & 4th April 2023 Kangaroo Island, 28th February 2023 McLaren Vale
Vineyard Block — A Block Shiraz, Springs Road Kangaroo Island. Bradens block McLaren Vale
Alcohol — 12.5%
Bottled — 5th June 2023

