



HANDPICKED™
WINES

2018
VINTAGE

Nebbiolo Rosé
VARIETAL

Pyrenees
REGION



TRIAL BATCH

SIDE PROJECT

Small batch winemaking that gives us the freedom to experiment with alternative varieties and winemaking techniques. Who knows what the next Trial Batch will be?

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Nebbiolo is a very old black grape variety that originated in Piemonte, north-west Italy, where it produces the big, bold, age-worthy reds of Barolo and Barbaresco that are among Italy's most revered wines.

REGION: Pyrenees

The Pyrenees wine region in Victoria's west is best known for fine Shiraz wines but is also creating a reputation for Italian varieties such as Nebbiolo. The region has a series of rolling hills that are cool by southerly winds. It enjoys reliably long, warm, dry seasons with cooler nights in autumn. This wine is from young vines at Malakoff Estate Vineyard. Owned and operated by the John family, Malakoff Estate is renowned for its premium Shiraz and Nebbiolo fruit and its harvest is keenly sought by those in the know, including Handpicked Wines.

VINTAGE: Vintage 2018 was an early and compact harvest, with vineyards and varieties ripening in quick succession. Once again, the expert care of the John family and the superior siting of their vineyards produced fruit of exceptional quality.

WINEMAKING: The fruit was handpicked in warm, dry conditions in mid-March. It was chilled overnight at the winery, then the bunches were destemmed and the berries sorted by hand. This is a small-batch wine fermented in a small open fermenter with a short

period of skin contact to achieve the pretty blush colour and just a touch of tannin and spice. The wine was matured for six months in older oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES: Bright, vibrant blush in colour. The nose has intense redcurrant and strawberry aromas, with a touch of rose petal. The palate is medium-bodied with a velvety texture and flavours of raspberry. The finish is savoury with a touch of lingering spice.

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Rose petals, savoury, mouth-watering, friends, holidays
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