MAXWELL TASTING NOTE



Little Demon

Grenache Rosé 2020



The Name

In 1871 Scottish scientist James Clerk Maxwell proposed a thought experiment, that involved a hypothetical creature acting as a gatekeeper between two compartments to sort gas molecules according to their speed. At first glance, such a system could potentially create energy from nothing... theoretically impossible given the laws of physics. This hypothetical gatekeeper became known to physicists as Maxwell's Little Demon, and has stirred debate in the science community for more than a century.

Vintage Conditions

The start of the 2020 vintage was drier than average with rainfall 20% below average, a benefit being low disease risk. In late November, we had a very hot day followed by strong gusty winds, which reduced the crop by up to 50%. The vines then endured a hot December, but relief came in January, with a period of a 12 days straight of a perfect 30 degrees. Welcome rain came in early February, which helped to freshen the leaves prior to harvest. The result has been wines of intense flavours and colour, but only half the volume of a normal year.

Colour & Aroma

Bright pink with vibrant strawberry aromas.

Palate

Fresh and balanced with vibrant strawberries and cream. The time spent lingering over a plush mouthfeel is rewarded with length, refreshing acidity and a clean, dry finish.

Pairing

Sardines, tomato, barilla

Technical Notes

Varietal Composition:	Region (GI):	Oak Maturation:
Grenache 100%	McLaren Vale	N/A
Alcohol:	 TA:	
13.0% Alc./Vol.	$5.2\mathrm{g/L}$	3.33
Winemakers:		ts:
Kate Petering & Mark Maxwell	Lightly pressed to give the freshest, brightest and liveliest wine possible.	

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