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Elgin Vintners Rosé 2009

Clear, bright pink colour. Nose is clean and fresh with forthcoming fruit with a multi layered complexity of strawberries and red berries. Smooth entry with firm, crisp acidity, ripe fruit flavours with beautiful follow through. Great balance between acidity and fruit and natural sugar. Intricate complexity with a lingering aftertaste.



variety : Merlot | Merlot
winery : Elgin Vintners
winemaker : Nico Grobler
wine of origin : Elgin
analysis : **alc :** 14.32 % vol **rs :** 4.6 g/l **pH :** 3.13 **ta :** 5.3 g/l
type : Rose **style :** Dry **body :** Light **taste :** Fruity
pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

Outstanding value and easy to drink

ageing : This wine drinks exceptionally well now but will benefit from a year or two in the bottle.

in the vineyard : The Merlot vines are planted on Tukulu and Glenrosa soil types with supplementary drip irrigation. In order to decrease vigour a permanent cover crop has been planted in the work row. Two of the three vineyards are Smart-Dyson trained, the third being conventional VSP. The vines display perfect balance and yielded a production of 12 - 15 ton per hectare. The grapes were picked at 23.5°B.

about the harvest: HARVEST DATE: 18th March 2009

in the cellar : The grapes were delicately crushed and left for 4 hours to extract colour. After a light pressing into settling tanks, the free flow and press juice were kept separate. The juice was settled over 2 nights. Cold fermented at 12-14 degrees, with special selected yeast cultures. The juice took about 2½ weeks for fermentation to be completed. After fermentation the press and free run fraction was blended together, stabilized and bottled.