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Waterford Rose-Mary 2026

The iconic blush colour of Rose-Mary is indicative of the Blanc de Noir style of winemaking. Crafted from a blend of primarily Mediterranean varietals, the wine shows aromas of delicate white peach and rose water, which follow to the palate. On the palate, notes of white peach, fresh strawberry, and apricot unfold, supported by a refreshing mineral character that elevates the texture. Impeccably poised, this wine finishes long and complex, with a purity and elegant finesse that define its character.

The Rose-Mary, beloved by many as the quintessential summer sipper, embodies a delightful blend of tradition and innovation, paying homage to the past while embracing the future. This versatile wine pairs exceptionally well with a variety of dishes, including pork, poultry, rich fish (such as salmon or tuna), and vegetarian dishes.



variety : Shiraz | 29% Shiraz, 16% Tempranillo, 13% Malbec, 10% Grenache, 7% Merlot, 7% Mourvèdre, 7% Pinotage, 5% Cinsaut, 2% Sangiovese, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petite Verdot

winery : Waterford Estate

winemaker : Mark Le Roux

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : **alc :** 12.5 % vol **rs :** 1.2 g/l **pH :** 3.32 **ta :** 6.34 g/l

type : Rose **style :** Dry **body :** Light **taste :** Fragrant

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

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ageing : 0 - 3 years from production.

At Waterford Estate, we embrace the harmonious collaboration between nature and the delicate balance of artistry and science to create truly authentic fine wines. Our wines embody a profound sense of place, culture, and an unwavering dedication to excellence. With a deep-rooted belief in transcending boundaries, we craft wines that offer a sensory journey, capturing the true essence of the Helderberg Mountain's terroir.

in the vineyard : Mostly sourced from vineyards at Waterford Estate, with some grapes coming from vineyards in the Stellenbosch region.

The growing season was one of the warmest and wettest of the past five years, with warmer temperatures and well-timed rainfall supporting healthy vine growth, leading to earlier ripening. A drier winter meant careful irrigation management ensuring the vineyards remained in excellent condition, delivering a strong harvest for 2026.

in the cellar : Made in the traditional Provence style of winemaking, 'Blanc de Noir'. This is a winemaking style where red wine grapes are used in the production of the wine, with skin contact intentionally limited to only a three-hour period. Thereafter, the winemaking follows a more traditional white wine process. The skin contact occurs solely in the press, where the grapes are left on the stems in a process called whole bunch pressing. Whole bunch pressing is a gentle method utilised to create a soft and delicate feel to the wine, and it also minimises skin contact, which gives the Blanc de Noir its very attractive colour. Whole bunch pressing can impart a subtle herbal and spicy character to the wine, complementing the vibrant fruit notes from the Mediterranean varietals. This nuanced interplay of flavours and aromas creates a wine that is not only refreshing but also complex and engaging.

Maturation: Aged on fine lees for 4 months.

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