

Joel Delaunay 2023 Rosé 'Le Grand Ballon Selection'

WineWise Code	FJD-GBR23
Country	France
Region	Loire
Color/Style	Rosé
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Additional Fermentation Notes	20 days at 14C
Aging Vessel	100% Stainless Steel
Aging Duration (months)	4 months
Filtered?	Yes
Fining Agents	Bentonite
Yeast Protocol	Cultured
Malolactic Conversion	No
Additional Maturation Details:	On fine lees
Added Sulfur	Yes
Varieties	70% Gamay, 25% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec
ABV	12.5
Closure	Screw-top
Annual Production	10000
Soil Types	Clay, Silex
Elevation (meters)	138
Vine Age	25
Yields (hl/ha)	45
Farming Practices	Sustainable
Harvest Method	Machine
Additional Harvest Notes	Guyot Simple
Other Vineyard Details	North

WineWise Notes:

Pale but definite pink wine artfully blended from Gamay, Cabernet Franc and Côt to a delightfully sprightly effect. It sports that inimitable Loire tension between fruit, acidity and earth components. Unusually characterful in this vintage.

Winewise Notes on Producer:

Thierry Delaunay has firmly established the estate he runs with his father in the forefront of this sprawling appellation. The village of Pouillé where he resides is home to several of the top Touraine growers and would seem to be exceptionally privileged, perhaps by dint of its relative elevation. His Sauvignon has developed a devoted following over the last few years for very good reason. What is truly impressive about Thierry is that he has greatly increased the size of his estate and production, but the average quality level of the wines has only gone up. He makes less red now than before, but what he makes is exemplary.



Notes from the Producer:

Brilliant, salmon pink hue. Spicy nose of red currants, strawberries and raspberries. Well balanced, lively yet supple and creamy on the palate.

