

# BLASTED CHURCH™

## BLASTED CHURCH ROSÉ 2009

Appellation: Okanagan Valley (VQA)

### HARVEST NOTES

Our 2009 Rose is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (45%), Gamay (31%), Petit Verdot (14%), Marechal Foch (5%) and Chard Musque (5%). A very different blend when compared to our 2008. New to the Rose blend is Gamay and Marechal Foch from Peachland. The Foch ripened quickly, while the Gamay ripened slowly, thus allowing us to harvest the Gamay at low brix. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot were harvested on October 19th; almost two weeks earlier than normal. The early harvest was due to a stellar growing season, albeit a frost on Thanksgiving weekend brought the ripening to a halt. Thankfully at Blasted Church our reds that were hanging during the frost were ripe and ready to be picked.

### WINEMAKING

The 2009 edition of the Blasted Church Rose was made using the Saignee method (removing juice from the must). All lots of fruit were hand picked, sorted whole cluster and whole berry then sent to the fermenters to cold soak. Roughly, after 4-6 hours the individual tanks were bled off into our white wine tanks. The Foch and Gamay were fermented separately. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot were fermented together. Both ferments underwent a relatively cold fermentation. The range in temperature was from 13-17C degrees. Post ferment, the Rose components were brought together in one tank and underwent cold/heat stability. Pre- bottling we added a small portion of our estate grown Chard Musque to enhance the mouth feel.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

**Colour:** Ruby red, cranberry/cherry color.

**Bouquet:** Strawberry, cherry candy, watermelon, hints of rhubarb.

**Palate:** Fresh, crisp and dry style Rose with hints of cherry candy, strawberry and citrus..

**Food Pairings:** Bacon wrapped pork tenderloin, bouillabaisse, jerk chicken and salad nicoise.

### Varietal Profile

Cabernet Sauvignon/ Osoyoos  
Gamay/Peachland  
Petit Verdot/Osoyoos  
Marechal Foch/ Peachland  
Chard Musque/ Blasted Church

### Brix at Harvest

23.8Bx  
21.0Bx  
23.6Bx  
24.8Bx  
23.8Bx

Total acidity: 6.8g/L  
Final pH: 3.43  
Residual Sugar: 3g/L  
Alcohol: 13.3%  
Cases Produced: 236  
CSPC: +711622

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