

## DREA'S 2021 ROSATO - NIAGARA PENINSULA - 3G/L

*A unicorn of wines, maybe the only of its kind!*

“You say Rosé, I say Rosato! An Italian-style rosé made from a unique grape variety and dark in colour. In designing this wine, I wanted to select a red varietal that had ample berry flavours, good skin colouration and a bright acidity. I had to look no further than one of my father’s favourite grape varieties, Dornfelder, that he knew from his homeland Austria.

He had planned many moons ago to put Dornfelder on the map for winemaking in Ontario but was told by marketing it would be a difficult sell as it was an unknown and also difficult to pronounce. He liked the variety for Canada as it is winter hardy, early to ripen but more importantly has juicy fruit flavours not always found in cool climate reds. While he loved layered complex red wines, he always appreciated the natural fruit flavours of the grape shining through in the wine. His first Dornfelder was a classic red wine with some oak ageing and then he experimented using it to produce his first red Icewine.

My father also loved Dornfelder for its deep rich colour. In contemplating using it for my rosé it was apparent that the juice could only spend a moment or two on the skins for colour extraction so the saignée method was used. Even this short time resulted in a deep coloured rosé which is why I have named it a Rosato. The wine was fermented bone dry and pleasant sour raspberry notes emerged on the nose and palate. I could truly drink rosé for all of my days and I am always excited about rosés that are dry, crisp and downright delicious. I am absolutely in love with this wine, as it is all that I dreamt it to be.”

*Andrea (Drea) Kaiser*



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