

## 2016 Mainque Rosé

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### Rating

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There is also a new Pinot Noir rosé, the 2016 Mainque Rosé, produced with grapes from their 1955 vineyard. This is the fourth vintage for this wine, the third with Pinot Noir grapes, as the first year it was produced with Merlot, but the Merlot has now been regrafted to Trousseau.

The full clusters were pressed and the juice mixed with some 30% bleeding of the Pinot Noir with three days in contact with the skins and then fermented at a low temperature in stainless steel and bottled after two months in tank.

It's slightly cloudy with a delicate nose of rose petals and talcum powder, subtle and elegant. The palate is delicious, with clean, focused flavors, great purity and great savoriness.

Piero wanted a rosé for fish, and I think this is perfect for it. This is a delicious rosé. 6,000 bottles were filled in June 2016.

*The wines from Chacra are now in the charge of winemaker Gabriele Graia.  
Proprietor Piero Incisa Della Rocchetta has stopped using sulfur other than a small fraction at bottling time, which demands for healthier grapes and more selection.*