PIKES

CLARE VALLEY
Established 1984

2026 'LUCCIO' ROSÉ

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The Cold conditions delayed budburst by two weeks, followed by a cool spring and severe frost on 13 November across our Polish Hill River estate. With estimated crop losses of up to 85%, the season was potentially the most challenging in Pikes' history. Fortunately, other Clare Valley subregions were less affected. Our established growers and a few new grower partners helped us secure additional fruit to offset the estate shortfall. Unaffected vines remained healthy and balanced, with warm January conditions supporting steady ripening. Harvest began 16 days later than 2025, with four rain interruptions testing our growers, vineyard and winemaking team. Despite these challenges, low disease pressure helped maintain excellent fruit quality, delivering bright acidity, purity and concentration.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

Fruit Source: Estate & Growers
Variety: Sangiovese (89%) & Cabernet Franc (11%)
Vintage: 2026
Region: Clare Valley
Alc/Vol 11% **RS** 0.9 g/L
pH 2.9 **TA** 7.6 g/L

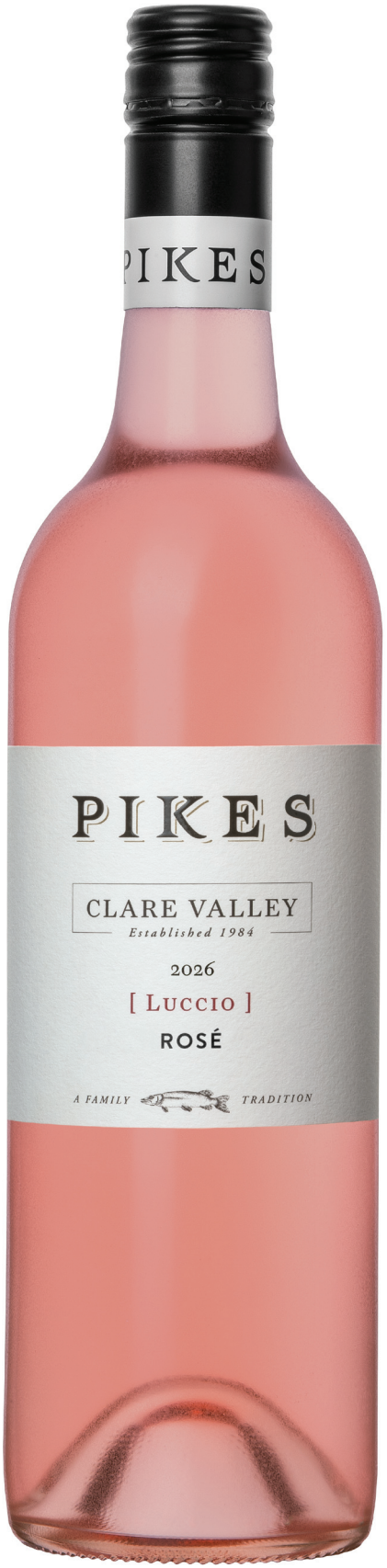
TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Brilliant pale salmon blush.

Aroma: A wonderfully fragrant nose, bursting with fresh lychee, watermelon and cranberry characters. Delicate hints of musk lolly add a playful floral sweetness, creating an enticing, summery bouquet.

Palate: Bright and refreshing, with vibrant cranberry and cherry flavours mingling with exotic notes of lychee. Generous fruit is balanced by crisp, mouthwatering acidity, carrying the wine through to a clean, decidedly dry finish. Subtle textural grip, courtesy of Sangiovese's fine tannins, adds a lovely savoury edge. Delicate yet full of flavour.

Summary: Our 2026 'Luccio' Rosé is everything we love about this style. Pale, fragrant, refreshingly dry and bursting with vibrant fruit. The interplay between playful aromatics, lively acidity and savoury texture makes it equally enjoyable on its own or alongside food. Perfect for long lunches and summer afternoons, paired with fresh seafood or Mediterranean-inspired dishes. Deliciously moreish and versatile.



ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is a family-founded winery, established in 1984 when the Pike family began crafting wine together in Polish Hill River. Our unique site features tough acidic soils over ancient Kadlunga Slate, 650 million years old. Our wines are elegant and approachable, shaped by the land, years of viticultural experience, and a hands-off winemaking style.

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