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JASPER RIDGE
WAIHEKE ISLAND



Guest Winemaker Syrah

20 22

WINE TASTING NOTES

GROWING SEASON (2022)

The 2022 growing season was excellent. The wetter spring weather was welcome, following two very dry years on Waiheke Island. This resulted in stable flowering and canopy growth. December brought warm, dry weather, which helped drive fruit ripening following veraison. The vines were fruit thinned to ensure the utmost quality of the grapes before they headed into the winery.

VINEYARD

Jasper Ridge Estate is located at the east end of New Zealand's Waiheke Island on Cowes Bay Road, near the small coastal settlement of Orapiu, overlooking the Hauraki Gulf. It is a single variety (Syrah) vineyard that is home to around 4000 vines, with Syrah grapes harvested from the house block for the Jasper Ridge Guest Winemaker Syrah 2023.

WINEMAKING

We worked in collaboration with our guest winemaker, Guy Young. The grapes were harvested by hand in two parcels on 11 and 17 March 2022. The fruit was processed and fermented with native vineyard yeasts using different winemaking techniques. Destemming without crushing retained whole berries during fermentation, allowing for infusion along with extraction. Submerged cap fermentation and whole-cluster inclusion were implemented to increase the dimension and expression of the house block site. The fruit was pressed after three weeks on skins and aged in seasoned French oak barriques for 16 months and bottled without fining in September 2023.

TASTING NOTES

Guest Winemaker, Guy Young, created a different expression of Syrah from our single vineyard style, changing the profile of the wine. Black pepper spice is supported by dark fruits and rich tannins, creating a wine that sings on the palate with a persistent finish.

HARVEST COMPOSITION

Brix 23.6
pH 3.59
Titratable Acidity 6.6g/L

WINE COMPOSITION

pH 3.65
Titratable Acidity 6.2g/L
Alcohol 13.4%
Vegan
Contains sulphites

Vine Age

100% Syrah varietal, hand-grafted in field between 2002-2005.

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