

# JR

JASPER RIDGE  
WAIHEKE ISLAND



# Single Vineyard Syrah

20  
23

WINE TASTING NOTES

## GROWING SEASON (2023)

At Jasper Ridge Estate, the ridgeline protected the vines from the 130-150kph top wind speeds of Cyclone Gabrielle. The efficient drainage from the vineyard blocks down into Te Matuku Bay meant that record levels of rainfall drained, and through canopy management, we experienced few issues in the season. This meant that we were able to harvest full tonnage from the Estate in 2023.

## 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 ridge, road, house and shed blocks for the Jasper Ridge Single Vineyard Syrah 2023.

## WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested on the 13th of April, the fruit was transferred to the winery. The grapes were fermented and macerated on skins, with a small amount of whole-berry retention, for 2 weeks with gentle plunging and pump overs twice a day before being pressed and transferred into French oak barriques (228l) for 9 months' ageing. 14% was in new oak. The juice was inoculated with a yeast and went through malolactic fermentation in the barrel, being racked out of and returned back to the barrel once during the ageing process. The wine was bottled in January 2024 with no fining.

## TASTING NOTES

A single vineyard Syrah with a crimson hue. The dark fruit plum and black cherry notes provide a fruity richness in this lighter, Northern Rhône style Syrah. A delicate black pepper spice creates a subtle kick of complexity on the palate.

## HARVEST COMPOSITION

Brix 22  
pH 3.60  
Titratable Acidity 6.2

## WINE COMPOSITION

pH 3.70  
Titratable Acidity 6.0  
Alcohol 13%  
Contains sulphites.  
Vegan.

## Vine Age

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

## Clone

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