

‘CHALK RIDGE’

2019 SELECT VINEYARDS HAWKES BAY SYRAH

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: NZW4A9765693

Winemakers Notes

This wine is entirely from our Chalk Ridge block, just to the south of Havelock North. It is a steep, north facing amphitheatre that is strewn with fossilised limestone. We harvested two different parts of the vineyard on 28th March and 4th April 2019. The fruit was in fabulous condition in 2019 and we think that this may be one of the best ever wines to come off this very special block. Post ferment and MLF the wines were blended and racked into French oak (50% new). After 11 months maturation the wines were racked, fined, and filtered.

Analysis

Alc 13.5% **Acid** 6.4g/L **Res Sugar** <1g/L **pH** 3.61

Tasting Notes

Colour: A beautiful deep purple/red, with a dense, dark core and bright, flashing purple rim.
Bouquet: The essence of Hawkes Bay Syrah: masses of black fruits, a touch of pepper, intriguing floral notes, some meatiness and lovely, savoury oak.
Palate: A beautifully structured wine. Medium to full bodied with silken tannins and great length. The fruit in the mid palate lasts and lasts.

Cellaring

Already approachable, but we expect this wine to cellar well for a number of years.

Food Matches

The soft tannins, ripe fruit flavours, black pepper and spice make this wine a great accompaniment to many meat dishes such as lamb, venison, beef and game. The bolder and more complex style means that it will stand up to richer flavours and accompaniments.

Suggested wine list description

A rich and full-bodied wine full of dark fruit flavours with lashings of pepper and a long savoury finish.

Independent Reviewer’s Comments

“Freshly aromatic, it is strongly varietal, with plummy, spicy, slightly nutty flavours, supple tannins, and good complexity, vigour and harmony.” Michael Cooper, July 2021

Awards

4 Stars – Wine Orbit, April 2023

4 Stars – Winestate Magazine, July/August 2021