

‘THE EXILE’

2019 SELECT VINEYARDS GISBORNE MALBEC

Sustainable Wine NZ Registration Number: NZW2963229BC

Winemakers Notes

Malbec and Gisborne are made for each other. Spring comes early and the summers are warm and sunny – just the sort of conditions that Malbec loves. This wine is based on a parcel of fruit from Hexton, which is just outside the Gisborne city limits. The fruit was harvested in pristine condition and trucked overnight to our winery in Auckland. Following vinification, the wine was matured for around a year in seasoned oak bariques.

Analysis

Alc 13.5% Acid 6.2g/L Res Sugar 0.3g/L pH 3.61

Tasting Notes

Colour: The colour in this wine is stunning. A black core leads to a bright red-purple rim.
Bouquet: Plummy notes intermingled with the ‘wild berry’ character that typifies New Zealand Malbec. A touch of oak completes the picture.
Palate: This full bodied red has an excellent balance between fruit, acid and tannin. The overall effect is to coat the palate from front to back and side to side. There is a strong core of sweet black fruit on the finish.

Cellaring

Already approachable and will gain complexity from cellaring for a further careful storage in a cool cellar.

Independent Reviewer's Comment

“A generous, fruity, and youthful bouquet of dark red berries and chocolate, wood spices, and iron. A dry wine touches the palate with a core of blackberry and dark plum flavors, chocolate, and some dried herb, barrel spice, and an earthy quality. Great wine for food pairing, fruity, ripe, and ready to drink from late 2024 through 2028+.” Cam Douglas

Winemaker's Suggestion

Masses of meat required, Churrasco style.

Awards

92 Points – Cameron Douglas MS, June 2024
Silver Medal – Aotea Regional Wine Competition, Sept 2022
Silver Medal – New World Wine Awards, Aug 2022
4^{1/2} Stars – Peter Saunders, July 2022