

2020 RESERVE HAWKES BAY SYRAH
SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: NZW9F593C434

Winemakers Notes

Our fifth Reserve Syrah is made from fruit 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. The reserve fruit comes from the top of the hill, where more sun hours and less water retention results in deeper, richer flavours. Vintage 2020 very challenging due to Covid restrictions, but the vineyard crew were ultimately able to hand harvest (in their bubble) some excellent quality fruit on March 31st 2020. The wine spent 12 months in French oak (25% new) before assemblage. Bottling was on 30th August 2021.

Analysis

Alc 13.5% **Acid** 6.5g/L **Res Sugar** <1g/L **pH** 3.51

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. Ripe, brooding fruit along with beautiful floral notes and subtle oak.
Palate: A beautifully structured wine. Full bodied with silken tannins, great length and penetration. The fruit in the mid palate lasts and lasts.

Cellaring

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

Independent Reviewer's Comments

"It's splendidly fruited and perfumed on the nose, showing Black Doris plum, thyme, warm spice and cedary oak characters, leading to a wonderfully weighted palate that's plump and silky. Well framed by polished tannins, making it generous and flavoursome. At its best: now to 2032." Sam Kim

Awards

5 Stars/94 Points – Wine Orbit, April 2023