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HERETAUNGA SYRAH 2019

Blend

100% Syrah

Season Summary

The vintage is the third warm vintage in a row for Hawke's Bay, drier than the 2018 vintage, and not quite as warm and dry as the quite sensational 2020 vintage which will probably sit alongside the 2013, 1998 and 1989 vintages as Hawke's Bay's greatest red wine years. 2019 should not be underestimated, especially for reds, and these 2019 wines truly represent our whole philosophy of what great Hawke's Bay wines should be - ripe and truly delicious to drink when released. Rainfall drier than average, particularly from February to harvest. Growing degree days: slightly above the long-term average.

Viticulture

A blend of Gimblett Gravels vineyards, average age 11 years. Predominantly Mass Selection clone. Hand tended, low yielding vines allow for greater concentration in resulting wine. Harvest Dates: 1st April 2019

Winemaking

100 % destemmed but not crushed prior to fermentation. Very gentle extraction with one gentle pump over each day of fermentation. Pressed soon after dryness. Barrel ageing of 14 months in French oak barriques, 35% new.

Tasting Note

A deep, crimson red colour with dark red berry fruit, red liquorice florals and pepper on the nose. Complexity from the small new oak component sits perfectly in the background on the palate. Savoury, long and finely tuned without being heavy, dense or dry.

A classic Hawke's Bay Syrah with the structure that will allow it to age for at least 10 years.

Chemical Analysis

Alcohol: 13.5%

TA: 5.3 g/l

pH: 3.73

Suitable for Vegetarian/Vegan: Yes

Number of cases produced: 1060 x 6 packs



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