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HERETAUNGA ROSÉ OF SYRAH 2021

Blend

94% Syrah, 6% Viognier

Season Summary

Hawke's Bay had its 4th consecutive warmer-than-average vintage in 2021. Flowering was five to 10 days early and normal temperatures were experienced until the end of January. It was a drier-than-average season, but the moderate summer meant no excessive vine stress was evident. Harvest weather was reasonably stable and favourable - a very good to exceptional Hawke's Bay vintage, especially for Chardonnay and well-crafted Syrah.

Viticulture

Sourced primarily from the Mangatahi district where vines grow on the classic loam soils over red metal gravel. A small proportion of the fruit comes from the less gravelly parts of our Gimblett Gravels vineyard. The clones are 470 and the heritage Stonecroft clone grafted on 3309C and Riparia Gloire rootstocks. The vines receive moderate irrigation, are thinned to ensure full ripeness and high quality canopy management.

Harvested 26 March 2021.

Winemaking

The Syrah and Viognier grapes were hand picked together in the early morning to retain freshness and quality, and immediately whole bunch pressed at the winery to ensure only gentle extraction of tannin and lightness of colour. After cold settling the wine was cool fermented in stainless steel with a cultured yeast and left on lees for 10 months. This approach has allowed us to produce a wine with brilliant natural salmon colour, light fine tannins, delicacy of flavour, with complexity and breadth coming from lees contact. A serious winemaking approach for a serious dry rosé.

Tasting Note

A brilliant natural pale salmon colour. Lovely delicate flavours of fresh berries, meadow herbs, apricot and just a hint of cinnamon with complexity and breadth on the palate coming from lees contact. Finishes with dry talcum powder tannins. A serious Rosé.

Chemical Analysis

Alcohol: 13.5%

TA: 6.0 g/L

PH: 3.29

Suitable for Vegetarian/Vegan: no



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