

PYRAMID VALLEY

NEW ZEALAND

2018 PYRAMID VALLEY ORANGE

North Canterbury, New Zealand

Selectively hand-picked, from the Porter vineyard in the Waipara Valley. The vineyard is on a 10° NE-facing slope with moderate to heavy clay soil, derived from sand/siltstone wash, and sits 100-125m above sea level.

Sorted again at the winery, then destemmed, and transferred to 1000l stainless tanks. Pitched with a vineyard yeast starter, fermented for one lunar cycle (27-28 days). Foot- and hand-plunged during this time. Lightly pressed in our tiny basket press, then settled for another lunar cycle. Transferred to demi-muids (450-500L), all French, none new, for 6 months. Natural malolactic. Bottled in December 2018, neither fined nor filtered.

Alc. 13%. 222 cases of 6 x 750ml produced.

Tasting note

Luminous peach/copper hue, with a reassuring, organic, light haze.

Lifted floral aromas leap out of the glass along with burnt orange rind and a nutty complexity. Lovely fine phenolics fill the mouth giving great weight and texture to the wine. Orange rind, peach and Negroni like flavours follow. A great wine to accompany a variety of tapas-style foods.

