

## **FLYING SHEEP**

## Sangiovese 2016



Sangiovese in Hawkes Bay is not for the faint hearted. The best international examples are deeply coloured with dark purple hues. Aroma's that are full, vibrant and complex with black cherry and violet on display. In our climate, these things are all possible but it takes a lot of vineyard wizardry to achieve the kind of ripeness we need to deliver it. The vines have a tendency to over produce so need to be carefully restrained.....the wine is anything but! When we get it right, the palate is vibrant and concentrated with blackcurrant and ripe plum flavours, all integrated with black pepper and very ripe and soft tannins.

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Vintage 2016

Varietal 100% Sangiovese

**Harvest Date** 10/04/2016

Alc. 13.0% pH 3.40 Ta 5.7g/L Rs 0.1g/L

**Crushing/Pressing**Destemmed and lightly crushed to Open top Fermenters. Cold Soaked for 3 days

**Fermentation** Fermented on indigenous yeast. With natural spring Malolactic fermentation

**Oak/Barrel** Racked to 20% new and 80% seasoned French oak barrels for aging(24 months).

FiningEgg White FinedFiltrationSterile Pad Filtered

**Cellaring** 7- 10 years

## **Winemakers Notes**

Vibrant, concentrated and richly coloured with wafts of violets and black cherry,

That led into flavours of blackcurrant and ripe plum flavours. Plenty of ripe fruit,

Hints of black pepper and sandalwood, with lovely soft ripe tannins. Ripe, plush, Generous and refined wine.

