

FORTISSIMO Fortified Muscat

What the press say

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93/100 "Late-harvest muscat grapes. Fermentation stopped by the addition of pure alcohol. The result is sweet dessert wine that is pure and powerful. Quite sweet but not at all cloying. **A pleasure to taste.**"

- Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review, NZ

****** "This is **instantly appealing** on the nose showing dried apricot, rockmelon, pineapple and candied orange characters, followed by a wonderfully flavoursome palate offering delightful sweetness and juicy fruit intensity. **Weighty and textural with a lingering refreshing finish**."

- Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, NZ

18.5+/20 "Full, bright, ...The nose is alluring, softly filling the glass with aromas of lychee, stonefruit entwined with ginger and jasmine... The fruit is perfectly ripe and clean in flavour, shows purity and elegance. Jasmine and ginger added interest and layers, complementing the smooth flow and sweetness balance, linger to a rich, lengthy closing. This **poised and pure expression of fortified Muscat** possesses lychee, white nectarine aromas, delicate jasmine floral and ginger on a smooth, plush mouthfeel."

- Candice Chow, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ

94/100 "Aromatic bouquet with scents reminding me of preserved white fleshed fruits, poached pears and apples, white flowers and fragrant spices of the orient. Silky texture touches the palate first then a rush of warming alcohol contrasted by a core of fruit flavours, acidity and **luscious exuberant finish.**"

- Cameron Douglas MS, www.camdouglasms.com, NZ

****** "Similar in style to Muscat Beaumes de Venise, this **distinctive**, **rare wine** was handled in tanks and stop-fermented with the addition of neutral spirit. Pale gold, it is **weighty**, with **vibrant**, **concentrated**, peachy flavours, hints of oranges and honey, gentle acidity and a **sweet**, **oily richness**."

— *Michael Cooper*, *Winestate Magazine*, *AUS*

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94/100 "Very exotic and varietal bouquet of Muscat with flowers and fruits, perfumes and talc'. Very fruity and sweet on the palate with contrasting acidity ... Long finish"

- Cameron Douglas MS, www.camdouglasms.com, NZ

94/100 "Fortified muscat that's styled after Muscat de Beaumes de Venise from France's Rhône Valley ... **appealing wine with surprising purity and freshness**"

- Bob Campbell MW, www.bobcampbell.nz, NZ



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** * * * * * 18.5/20 "... Very fine phenolics and soft, refined acidity ... revealing mineral and smoke detail on the finish ... "

- Raymond Chan, raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ