

FLYING WINEMAKER

2019 Syrah

Tasting Notes:

Dark red, purple hue. The nose is rich and lifted, with notes of violets, gamey meats and eucalypt. The palate is generous with cherry cola and toasty oak. The tannins are firm with hints of cool climate spice on the finish.

Wine Information:

Vineyard: Two Terraces

Region: Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Varietal: 100% Syrah

Alcohol: 13%

Winemaking/Production:

The fruit for this Syrah is sourced from Two Terraces vineyard in Hawkes Bay. Machine harvested at night and then transported to the Wairarapa, where the fruit is left to cool overnight before being destemmed the next day into 2-tonne open fermentation vats. Fermentation will last 3.5 weeks, with a morning pump-over done once a day and plunging done by hand once a day to ensure a soft extraction of tannins, colour and flavour. We then press off the wine and remove it from its skins to be matured in a mix of French oak barrels (15% new) that have a tight grain and high toast for 14 months, each with its own balanced oak regime of barrel age and choice of coopers.

Winemaker's Notes:

"This wine is curated from vine parcels located within close proximity to the the famous Gimblett Gravels creating a wine that is varietally expressive and able to sing the right notes of a Hawkes Bay Syrah. We look to express the white pepper spice, blackberries, red and black currants, to show off dark fruity flavours that are plush on the palate with silky tannins and a little spice.

Our key to the success of this range is simplicity and honesty. We're not trying to reinvent the wheel, we're sticking with what works to make this wine taste awesome." - Eddie McDougall







