



# VILLA MARIA

## NEW ZEALAND



HAWKE'S BAY

## Cellar Selection Syrah 2021

### Winemakers Comment

Deep purple and crimson hues lead to a perfumed nose of violet, black fruit, herb and anise spice aromas. The palate is medium-bodied, supple and silky in texture, featuring wonderfully integrated tannins. Pure fruit flavours lead the wine to a lengthy finish.

### Serving Suggestion

Enjoy with game such as Venison or Duck.

### Season & Viticulture

2021 was an exceptional Hawkes Bay vintage, following on beautifully from the previous two vintages of excellent growing conditions. Warmer than average temperatures and low rainfall encouraged fruit across the region to achieve optimum ripeness and maintain excellent condition through to harvest. This wine is a blend of Villa Maria's Gimblett Gravels vineyards, where free draining soils temper vine vigour, resulting in low yields of ripe and concentrated fruit.

### Winemaking

The fruit was picked and gently destemmed without crushing into open-top fermenters for fermentation with daily plunging to extract flavour, colour and tannin. Once pressed the wine was matured in 228L French oak barriques of which 18% were new, for 12 months prior to blending and bottling.

### Technical details

**VARIETIES:** 100% Syrah

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 6.5g/l

**PH:** 3.51