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VIDAL

of HAWKES BAY

Legacy

HAWKES BAY, GIMBLETT GRAVELS SYRAH 2009

SITE, SEASON & HARVEST

Vineyards: Omahu Gravels and Twyford Gravels

Yields: 1.5-2.0kgs/vine

This was an outstanding Gimblett Gravels vintage. A warm, dry season defined by an extended maturation period and drier than long term average conditions allowed the harvest of fruit at optimal flavour, balance and condition.

Fruit for this wine was grown entirely in the Gimblett Gravels grape growing district where the soil is made up of relatively recent alluvial deposits of gravel with varying degrees of silt and sand. These naturally free-draining, low vigour, lean sites combined with meticulous vineyard management and the long, warm growing season of 2009 have produced a wine of international standard showing intensity, texture and depth of flavour.

WINEMAKING

Pressing Destemmed and crushed: 100%

Cap management: Combination of hand plunging and pumping over

Fermentation vessels: Open and closed top fermenters

Fermentation temperature: 30-34°C

Time on skins: 20-25 days

Maturation: 20 months in French barrique; 33% new

Fining: Minimal egg white

Filtration: Minimal

Bottled: 30 March 2011

Cellaring Potential: 10+ Years

TECHNICAL DETAIL

Varieties: 100% Syrah

Total acidity: 6.79g/L

Alcohol: 13.5%

Residual sugar: Nil

pH: 3.65

Barcode: 9414416002137

TASTING NOTE

This enticingly fragrant Syrah from the renowned Gimblett Gravels region in Hawkes Bay shows aromas of violets, dark rose and underlying spice. Elegantly balanced, this wine is finely textured and has a long, concentrated finish. An exceptional wine that will age well over time.

AWARDS, ACCOLADES & REVIEWS

Trophy (Champion Exhibition Red Wine) & Pure Elite Gold – Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2012

Trophy (Champion Syrah) & Gold- Easter Show Wine Awards 2013 (NZ)

Regional Trophy New Zealand Red Rhône Varietal over £10 – Decanter World Wine Awards 2012

Gold – Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2012 (NZ)

5 Stars - Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines 2013

5 Stars – Winestate Magazine, September/October 2012 (Aus)

Trophy (Champion Syrah) & Pure Gold – Bragato Wine Awards 2013 (NZ)

5 stars – Cuisine, NZ Syrah Tasting 2013



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