

VIDAL

of HAWKES BAY

Legacy

HAWKES BAY, GIMBLETT GRAVELS SYRAH 2010

SITE, SEASON & HARVEST

Vineyards: Omahu Gravels and Twyford Gravels

Yields: 35 hl/avarage

The 2010 growing season was highlighted by a warm and dry Indian summer creating ideal ripening conditions for Syrah. March delivered a third of the normal rainfall and April a quarter. This platform during the critical ripening months gave us the opportunity to hold fruit on the vines until optimum flavour, concentration and balance were achieved. The fruit was grown in our Omahu and Twyford Gravels vineyards in the heart of the Gimblett Gravels grape growing district where the soils are made up of relatively recent alluvial deposits of gravel with varying degrees of silt and sand. These naturally free-draining, low vigour, warm sites, together with early season crop reduction through "green thinning" and the long, dry growing season of 2010 has produced a wine of international standard displaying impressive 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: 20-28 days

Maturation: 20 months in French barrique; 50% new

Fining: Minimal egg white

Filtration: Minimal

Bottled: 7 March 2012 Cases Produced 280

Cellaring Potential: 10+ Years

TECHNICAL DETAIL

Varieties: 100% Syrah

Total acidity: 6.24g/L

Alcohol: 13.5%

Residual sugar: Nil

pH: 3.79

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

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

5 Stars – Winestate Magazine, May/June 2013 (Aus)

Reserve Champion Wine of the Year – Hawkes Bay A&P Wine Awards 2013 (NZ)

Trophy & Gold – Hawkes Bay A&P Wine Awards 2013 (NZ)

