

BEAUTIFUL CHAOS SYRAH 2020



pH - 3.75 TA - 6.1g/L RS - < 1g/LAlc - 13% Total SO2 - <1ppm

Vineyard - Raupo Creek Soil - Sandy loam and clay Blend - 98% Syrah, 2% Viognier

Organic and Biodynamic

Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans

Tasting Notes

A wholly unadulterated, transparent expression of co-fermented Syrah & Viognier, showing dense, lifted violet florals and pure blue fruit character, combined with chocolate and spice. The palate is full and lush, yet elegant and soft, finishing with plush tannins that give a silky touch to the wine.

Winemaking

Picked over two days on the 16th and 17th April, the fruit was 100% destemmed and placed in amphora for fermentation along with just 2% of Viognier. We hand plunged daily through fermentation then left in amphora for post ferment maceration. After 30 days on skins we basket pressed straight to neutral oak and then left the wine to develop through malolactic fermentation for a further 4 months. The wine was bottled unfined, unfiltered.

Vintage

A harvest we will remember for a long time, not only for the added pressures and stresses that were thrown upon us by COVID-19, but more positively (and thankfully), for the splendid harvest conditions experienced in Marlborough, and stunning fruit that we managed to harvest... fittingly, the wines from 2020 will age beautifully and we will be drinking them for many years to come, remembering this unique vintage!

After a warm and wet spring, flowering was experienced earlier supported by decent weather conditions, giving perfectly formed bunches and average yields. Fortunately, the last significant rain event was experienced just before Christmas, and from then on perfect ripening conditions were enjoyed - dry, moderate day time temperatures and cool nights which certainly played a big part in creating white wines bursting with flavour and intensity, yet naturally balanced with vibrant acidity and generous length.

Viticulture

Sourced from our clay-rich hillside Raupo Creek vineyard, which as a gentle north-west facing aspect, settled in the centre of the Omaka Valley. The vineyard is managed following Organic and Biodynamic principles.







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