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BEAUTIFUL CHAOS SYRAH 2021

'Beauty resides within Chaos and Chaos within Beauty.'

Both grape growing and wine making have elements of beauty and chaos embedded within. A natural progression was to embrace a little more chaos and beauty within these two related cultures. Therefore the name Beautiful Chaos seemed appropriate for these wines. They are different from any other wines we make. Hence the name. And new label. Despite this, they are very much a part of our evolving culture.'

- Michael Seresin



pH - 3.54
TA - 5.6g/L
RS - Dry
Alc - 12%
Total SO₂ - No added SO₂

Vineyard - Raupo Creek
Soil - Sandy loam and clay
Blend - 97.5% Syrah, 2.5% Viognier

Certified Organic

Suitable for Vegans

Tasting Notes

A pure expression of Syrah that shows the exciting terroir of the Raupo Vineyard in Marlborough. Elegant, yet plush, silky and tantalising. Fermentation and aging in clay amphorae has created a wonderful synergy between fruity and savoury aromas and flavours.

Winemaking

The Syrah was picked just after Easter and before our only major rain event of the harvest. The fruit was 100% destemmed and placed directly into two clay amphorae. One amphorae also had a small pick of Viognier added. Both batches undertook fermentation naturally and were plunged daily. The fruit remained on skins for five weeks, where all vessels were covered and given a wet cap daily, and stored with no additions. Both components were pressed off, blended together, then returned gently into amphorae for four months for further aging and to undergo malolactic fermentation naturally. The amphorae were then racked gently into a small stainless steel vessel to clarify naturally for two weeks prior to bottling. It was bottled without any stabilisation, fining or filtration and without any added sulphur.

Vintage

After a mild winter, there was a period of quite heavy frost events, that kept the vineyard team on their toes ensuring all of the fragile young shoots were protected. After overcoming this, growth was great and consistent across the whole vineyard. However during flowering a combination of lower temperatures and rainfall did not allow all of the flowers to set, and culminated in many flowers setting at different times. This resulted in markedly small bunches and a good deal of hen and chicken throughout the vineyard, particularly in our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir plots.

During the last piece of the growing season, the weather was on our side and provided beautiful summer days yet cold nights, that aided in retaining decent acidity, and extremely clean fruit which enabled the team to make picking decisions at exactly the right moment for each plot on the vineyard. We will remember this vintage as being one of the best yet for overall quality - full of flavours but very light on yields.

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.

