

BEAUTIFUL CHAOS SYRAH 2023



pH - 3.62 TA - 5.4g/L RS - 0g/L Alc - 13% Total SO2 - 0mg/L

Vineyard - Raupo Creek Blend - 100% Syrah

Organic and Biodynamic

Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans

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Tasting Notes

A wine of two tales. Incredibly dense and inky to the eye, yet graceful and refined on the palate. A charming wine, brimming with ripe boysenberry aromas, and flavours of cocoa and graphite.

Winemaking

The Syrah was hand picked in mid April at the end of our harvest. The fruit was fermented in both small clay amphorae and stainless steel with 15% whole bunch. Both batches undertook fermentation naturally and were plunged gently daily. The fruit remained on skins for four 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

Despite the challenging season that Mother Nature provided early on, the vineyard at Raupo shone, looking remarkably vibrant, alive and healthy. We were blessed with even flowering so the bunches in general were smaller and evenly spread across the canopy, and naturally low. Smaller berries and bunches certainly gave a level of concentration that was welcomed.

The season was not easy, and certainly wet in the months leading up to harvest, so to see the cleanliness of the fruit was very encouraging. This clearly was a direct result of the judicious management by our vineyard team, who worked tirelessly all season despite the weather. Luckily, for the first time in several years, for the whole harvest period we had a run of very dry, settled weather which enabled the team to harvest each plot exactly when we wished.

Viticulture

Our clay rich Raupo Creek vineyard, farmed following organic and biodynamic principles is located in the centre of the Omaka Valley. This vineyard has a gentle north-west facing aspect and enjoys high sunshine hours and minimal rain.



