



## 2018 Marlborough

### Lagrein

An Italian Hillbilly on OE in Marlborough, this lively Red Italian is serious by nature but also eager to please. Native to the mountainous regions of Northern Italy, there is estimated to be less than 1,000 hectares of Lagrein planted worldwide, of which 650 plus are in Italy.

A stranger to many, the Lagrein grape is actually a cousin of Syrah and grandchild to Pinot Noir.

Dense ruby in colour, it displays bright Damson plum, black cherry and wild bramble characters. A juicy, round mid-palate is densely packed with fresh boysenberry flavours, licorice and bitter dark chocolate.

Hints of tobacco, vanilla and a mineral edge dance around firm acidity and pronounced tannins. Full bodied, but not heavy, Lagrein delivers straight-up, fruit-forward pleasure underneath it's dark, tough exterior. Try it slightly chilled.

RRP: \$32



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#### Technical Notes

Bottling Date	25/02/2019
pH	3.73
TA g/L	6.4
Residual Sugar g/L	<2
Sub-Region	A Single Vineyard site in the Awatere Valley
Harvest Method	Hand-picked
Processing	Destemmed and lightly crushed
Fermentation	Cold soaked for several days, then inoculated and fermented with cap plunging 3 times per day for gentle extraction of colour and tannin
Maturation	10 months in French oak barriques (20% New)



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