



## 2010 SV GISBORNE MALBEC

### 'THE EXILE'

REGISTRATION NUMBER: SW8B88944D9A

#### Winemakers Notes

The fruit for our first ever SV Gisborne Malbec came from the Bell Family vineyard. The Bell Family also provide us with fruit for our SV Arneis and Albarino. Vintage 2010 was one of the best in memory for red grapes in Gisborne. Summer seemed to go on and on, allowing fabulous colour and flavour development. Post fermentation the wine was run off to barrel. The wine was racked once, in November 2010 and then bottled in July 2011.

#### Analysis

<b>Alc</b>	14%	<b>Acid</b>	6.4g/L	<b>Res Sugar</b>	4g/L	<b>pH</b>	3.63
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#### Tasting Notes

**Colour:** The colour in this wine is stunning. A black core leads to a bright red-purple rim.

**Bouquet:** This wine shows the classic 'wild berry' character that typifies New Zealand Malbec. Black Doris plum and savour notes back this up. A touch of oak completes the picture.

**Palate:** This full bodied red has an excellent balance between fruit, acid and tannin. The overall effect is to coat the palate from front to back and side to side. There is a strong core of sweet black fruit on the finish.

#### Cellaring

Already approachable and will gain complexity from cellaring for a further two years in a cool cellar.

#### Independent Reviewer's Comment

"Boldly coloured, the skilfully crafted 2010 vintage has coconutty aromas (suggestive of American oak) leading into a fresh, full-bodied wine with rich, vibrant plum and coffee flavours, concentrated, spicy and nutty." MC

#### Suggested wine list description

Masses of wild black fruits coupled with savoury hints and deliciously spicy oak.

#### Awards

**4 ½ Stars** – Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide 2012

**Silver Medal** – Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2012

**Silver Medal** – NZ International Wine Show 2011