

2012 HAWKES BAY SYRAH

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: SWD9C8598CE9

Winemakers Notes

Vintage 2012 was one of the most challenging we have faced in recent years in Hawkes Bay. Cool temperatures and unseasonal rain meant that extreme vigilance was required in order to produce fruit of appropriate quality for this wine. Our 2012 Syrah is based on fruit from our Bridge Pa Triangle vineyard, our acclaimed Chalk Ridge block near Havelock North and also our Gimblett Gravels vineyard. The parcels were separately vinified and then assembled just prior to bottling.

Analysis

Alc 13 % **Acid** 6.5 g/L **Res Sugar** 2.5g/L **pH** 3.50

Tasting Notes

Colour: The 2012 Syrahs have beautiful colour. It is deep, lustrous and bright.

Bouquet: The essence of Hawkes Bay Syrah: masses of red/black fruits, a touch of pepper, some background meatiness and lovely, savoury oak.

Palate: A beautifully structured wine. Full bodied with silken tannins and great length. The fruit in the mid palate lasts and lasts

Cellaring

Already approachable, but we expect this wine to cellar for a number of years.

Food Matches

The soft tannins, ripe fruit flavours, black pepper and spice make this wine a great accompaniment to many meat dishes such as lamb, venison, beef and game. The bolder and more complex style means that it will stand up to richer flavours and accompaniments.

Independent Reviewer's Comment

"Deeply coloured, generous and supple, with concentrated, ripe plum and spice flavours, fresh acidity and excellent texture and harmony. Attractive wine, priced sharply." Winestate 2013

Awards

Gold Medal – Spiegelau International Wine Competition 2013

Four Stars – Winestate Magazine 2013