



2012 SV HAWKES BAY MALBEC 'SAINT JOHN'

REGISTRATION NUMBER: SW5859E4B26B

Winemakers Notes

Our third SV Malbec comes from fruit grown on a vineyard situated in the Bridge Pa Triangle. This property was once owned by a gentleman named St John Yorke (note however that St John is pronounced SIN-jin). We have named this wine in his honour. Vintage 2012 was challenging in Hawkes Bay but our Malbec was in glorious condition at harvest. It was trucked to Auckland for vinification and barrel aging. It was bottled on 20 December 2013.

Analysis

Alc 13.5 % **Acid** 6.3 g/L **Res Sugar** 3g/L **pH** 3.64

Tasting Notes

Colour: Incredible colour! Saturated black core, running to a deep purple rim.
Bouquet: Typical Malbec with masses of wild black fruits coupled with savoury hints and deliciously subtle oak.
Palate: At bottling this wine was full of youthful vitality. Firm yet fine-grained tannins balanced by loads of juicy black fruit in the mid palate.

Cellaring

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

Food Matches

Rounded tannins and ripe berry flavours make this wine a great accompaniment to many meat dishes such as lamb, venison, beef and game. Many rich sauces go well with this wine, as will roast garlic and vegetables.

Suggested wine list description

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

Independent Reviewer's Comments

“Very attractive on the nose; fragrant aromas of plum, blackberry, cedar and vanilla lead to a succulent palate that is rounded and beautifully weighted. Very long on the finish, the wine is upfront and intensely fruited. At its best: now to 2020.” Wine Orbit

“Generosity – a saintly quality if ever there was one – is a hallmark of this smooth, rich wine. Attractively warm and lush in texture, it has a juicy core of dark ripe fruit. It finishes with that savoury twist that is very malbec.” John Saker

Awards

5 Stars/93 Points – Wine Orbit June 2015

Top Speciality Red – Cuisine Magazine July 2014

Silver Medal – Hawkes Bay Wine Awards 2014