

'SAINT JOHN'
2013 SV HAWKES BAY MALBEC
REGISTRATION NUMBER: SW5859E4B26B

Winemakers Notes

Our 2013 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 2013 will long be remembered in Hawkes Bay. The growing conditions were close to perfect and we were able to harvest the block at exactly the right time.

Analysis

Alc 13.5 % **Acid** 6.6 g/L **Res Sugar** 3.5g/L **pH** 3.56

Tasting Notes

Colour: Like all of our 2013 reds, this wine has incredible colour. A saturated black core, runs 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. Acids are a little higher than normal in the 2013 reds and this gives the wine real vigor.

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 Comment

"It is elegantly restrained on the nose yet the wine offers full richness on the palate, displaying dark fruit, roasted meat and mixed spice characters with a touch of floral lift. The palate offers bags of tasty flavours, brilliantly structured by fine, firm tannins." Wine Orbit

"Dark, youthful, fragrant red with sweet, 'coconut' aromas and very good depth of vibrant plum/spice flavours." Winestate.

Awards

Trophy, Champion Other Red & Pure Gold Medal – Bragato Wine Awards August 2016

Five Stars/93 Points – Wine Orbit, June 2015