



2016 RESERVE HAWKES BAY SYRAH

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: NZWACD58B7BE

Winemakers Notes

Our third Reserve Syrah is made from fruit from our Chalk Ridge block, just to the south of Havelock North. It is a steep, north facing amphitheatre that is strewn with fossilised limestone. A tiny amount of Viognier (1.6%) from the same block was whole cluster, co-fermented with the Syrah to add fragrance and complexity and to help fix the colour. Vintage 2016 was a stunner and the vineyard was in excellent condition at harvest. The block was hand harvested on 12 April and the wine spent around 8 months in French oak (20% new) before assemblage. Bottling was on 31 July 2017

Analysis

Alc 13.5% **Acid** 6.5g/L **Res Sugar** 1.3g/L **pH** 3.57

Tasting Notes

Colour: A beautiful deep purple/red, with a dense, dark core and bright, flashing purple rim.
Bouquet: The essence of Hawkes Bay Syrah. Ripe, brooding fruit along with beautiful floral notes and subtle oak.
Palate: A beautifully structured wine. Full bodied with silken tannins, great length and penetration. The fruit in the mid palate lasts and lasts.

Cellaring

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

Independent Reviewer's Comments

"Rich and intense, with liquorice, plum, dark berry, black pepper and a hint of oyster shell, mineral character. An impressive red that's approachable now but promises to age well." Bob Campbell.

Awards

Champion Syrah Trophy & Gold Medal - Air NZ Wine Awards, November 2017
5 Stars/95 Points – Bob Campbell, *The Real Review*, May 2018

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