

## ‘GUIDO IN VELVET PANTS’

### 2017 SELECT VINEYARDS HUAPAI MONTEPULCIANO

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: NZWFAA69AF26

#### Winemakers Notes

What’s in a name? Prior to the French Revolution, the Vigne de l'Enfant Jesus vineyard, in the Beaune-Greves appellation, belonged to an order of Carmelite nuns especially devoted to the Infant Jesus. Legend has it that the nuns were so enamoured of the wine's silky texture that they exclaimed, "It slips down the throat as easily as the Infant Jesus in velvet pants." Well, Montepulciano is a wonderfully silky Italian variety, so it made sense to name it after our resident Italian Greyhound, Guido. Hence, our 2017 Huapai Montepulciano slips down the throat as easily as Guido in velvet pants!

#### Analysis

Alc 13%

Acid 6.2g/L

Res Sugar <1g/L

pH 3.50

#### Tasting Notes

Colour: Montepulciano always has great colour. A saturated black core runs to a deep purple rim.

Bouquet: Typical Montepulciano, with masses of wild black fruits coupled with delightfully savoury hints and a dash of new oak.

Palate: At bottling this wine was full of youthful vitality. Soft, velvety 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. Understandably, the wine is also superb with pasta!

#### Independent Reviewer's Comment

“This characterful, savoury West Auckland red is full-coloured and mouthfilling, with vibrant blackcurrant, plum, red berry and spice flavours, oak complexity and good tannin backbone.” Michael Cooper, March 2020

#### Awards

4 Stars - Winestate Magazine, May 2020