



Grapes
Syrah

Region/Appellation
Hawkes Bay

Alcohol by volume
13%

Tasting Guide



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Artisanal Collection Syrah 2021 6x75cl

Winemaker Notes

The wine is medium to deep red, with aromas that showcase the red fruit elements of Hawkes Bay Syrah, including raspberries with undertones of wood spice and pepper. In the mouth the wine is soft and generous with flavours like the nose of red berries and jam, with an underlying acidity providing elegance and length. Delicious as a young wine, it will also reward cellaring

Vineyard

The grapes for this wine were grown in two contrasting Hawkes Bay sites. The free draining stony gravels of Gimblett Road provide the wine with dark fruit notes and a tannic frame while the limestone soils of the Heipipi Vineyard in Bay View adds perfume and complexity. Both these free draining vineyard sites are planted with the Limmer clone and are aged from 12 to 25 years.

Winemaking

The individual vineyard parcels were destemmed on arrival at the winery and transferred to small 5 tonne open topped concrete fermenters for fermentation with wild vineyard yeasts. Once off the ferments were managed hand to gently extract colour and tannin. After a period of post fermentation maceration the grapes were gently pressed and transferred to French oak barrels for 17 months ageing. Both small 228 litre and large format 500 and 600 litre puncheons were utilised. 29% were new.

Vintage

The growing season got off to a good start in Hawkes Bay and Gisborne with good early spring warmth and rainfall setting up healthy canopy growth in the vineyards. A good summer with warm and dry conditions followed with 1387 GDD in Hawkes Bay versus an LTA of 1340 and 387mm of rain versus an LTA of 462mm. Hawkes Bay produced very good quality fruit that was able to be harvested in good condition and with lovely flavour and concentration. With good quality ripe fruit flavours, and a backbone made up of powdery tannins and natural acidity, the Hawke's Bay Red wines of 2021 will age gracefully and provide drinking pleasure for many years to come.

Food match

Try with game or rich vegetable dishes, such as ratatouille

