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VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2020 - 2021 growing season typically had warm days and cool nights and reflected our maritime climate. The growing degree days were slightly ahead of the long-term average while rainfall was average. Autumn was cool and dry, assisting ripening on the vine and maintaining vibrancy and acidity in the grapes. The vines were low yielding producing fruit of great intensity. Higher growing temperatures and lower rainfall, coupled with a lighter crop resulted in an early start to vintage.

VINEYARDS

Two vineyards have been blended to make this supple Syrah. Clone 470 from the Bridge Pa Triangle and MS Syrah from Mangatahi. The Bridge Pa fruit was plush and dark fruited, while the Mangatahi Syrah had lovely vibrancy and elegance, a wonderful combination. Both vineyards are Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand accredited, with low yields, open canopy management and managed irrigation.

WINEMAKING

The hand harvested Syrah was chilled overnight before processing the following day. Chilled bunches were hand sorted, then de-stemmed and the whole berries were transferred to open fermenters with some foot stomping. Some whole bunches were incorporated in the ferments. The berries were cold soaked before fermentation, indigenous yeast initiated the fermentation, while cultured yeast completed it. Twice daily pump overs and cool ferment temperatures through to dryness, then pressed to barriques. The Syrah matured for approximately 17 months in new and seasoned French oak barriques. Blended in September 2022 and bottled in October 2022.

TASTING NOTE

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The delicate tannin structure is supported by toasty oak and vibrant acidity to provide characteristics of a wine that is made with the intention to age.

This wine boasts depth and concentration of flavour which allows for persistence on the palate.



ALCOHOL
13.5%

TOTAL
ACIDITY
6.3 G/L