



georges road wines

W A I P A R A

SYRAH Block One 2017

Classic cool climate Syrah. Wonderfully weighted elegant wine with fresh cherry and licorice notes combined with subtle oak, hints of spicy fine grained tannin, a velvet mouthfeel and lengthy finish.

SEASON

A cooler season, with slightly higher than average rainfall. Even bud burst without frost issues. Cooler weather over flowering set a smaller cropload. Good settled weather until just prior to harvest time when increased rainfall meant selective picking was necessary to ensure a balanced and healthy crop. Small volumes but in excellent condition.

VINEYARD

The fruit for this wine was hand harvested from the Georges Road vineyard in Waipara. Vineyard soils are predominantly loam and gravel based. The vines are trained to a 2 cane VSP trellis with row spacing at 2.0m and vine spacing at 1.5m. A portion of the vines are at 1.0m. All the vines are of the Mass selected 'Limmer' clone on a mix of Riparia Gloire, 3309, 101-14 and Schwarzmann rootstocks. Each parcel of fruit was transported on the day of harvest to the winery for processing. Shoot and extensive crop thinning are employed to ensure optimum fruit quality at relatively low cropping levels of approximately 1kg per vine.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was passed over a sorting table before being crushed and destemmed into small 1.5tonne open fermenters. Fermentation began naturally after an ambient soak of 2-3 days. The skins were regularly punched down during ferment and the wine spent a total of 22-26 days cuvaision before each fermenter was pressed, settled and racked to a mix of French oak, 30% new. In oak the wine underwent a natural Malolactic fermentation and spent a total of 11 months in French oak barriques before being racked, blended and bottled in March the following year.



Winemaker: Kirk Bray
Vineyard: Georges Road Vineyard, Waipara
Harvest Date: Hand-harvested 4th May 2017
Harvest Data: Brix 22.9, TA g/L 8.5, pH 3.51

Alcohol (%): 13.8
Residual Sugar (g/L): 0.50
pH: 3.84
TA (g/L): 5.60
Bottling date: 12th June 2018
Cases produced: 250
Packaging: Standup 6 x 750ml Burgundy bottle
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