



# georges road wines

W A I P A R A

## SYRAH Block One 2020

Winemaker	Kirk Bray	
Vineyard	Georges Road Vineyard, Waipara	
Harvest Date	Hand-harvested 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	
Harvest Data	Brix 23.2, TA g/L 8.1, pH 3.49	
Season	A beautiful season. Warm throughout and with very little rainfall. Great conditions over flowering and fruit-set. Towards harvest time the weather was settled, warm and dry – totally ideal and conditions that had many people calling this the harvest of a lifetime. No issues whatsoever and the fruit was harvested early, ripe, clean and 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 crushed & destemmed, with 15% whole bunch addition, 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 20 days cuvaison before each fermenter was pressed, settled and racked to a mix of French oak, 18% 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 April the following year.	
Wine	Classic cool climate Syrah. Wonderfully weighted elegant wine with sweet fresh cherry and licorice notes combined with subtle oak, hints of spicy fine grained tannin, a velvet mouthfeel and lengthy finish.	
Production	Bottling date:	13th April 2021
	Cases produced	400
	Packaging:	Standup 6 x 750ml Burgundy bottle Screwcap
Wine Analysis	Alcohol (%)	13.0
	Residual Sugar (g/L)	0.50
	pH	3.72
	TA (g/L)	5.75



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