

Matawhero



Tasting Notes

2017 Single Vineyard Gisborne Merlot

Vineyard Review

The vineyard source for these grapes is from the Briant vineyard which is situated between Patutahi and Manutuke, across the Waipaoa River from Matawhero. Spur pruned to ensure even budburst and ripening, essential for the production of high quality red wines. The vineyard was leaf plucked to increase exposure to the sun to ensure the vines could fully mature the fruit.

Winemaking

After a challenging season in Gisborne, the Merlot grapes still exhibited wonderful intense flavours and good colour. Once at optimal ripeness, the grapes were machine harvested in the cool of evening. The grapes were destemmed and crushed at the winery to a tank. After a two day soak, the juice was inoculated with yeast and fermentation began. During the early stages of fermentation the wine was rigorously pumped over to extract colour and flavour, without harsh tannins. The wine then underwent malolactic fermentation on skins. After 6 months maturation, the wine was filtered and bottled.


Wine Analysis: Alcohol 13.1% Titratable Acidity 6.31 pH 3.59 Residual Sugar >1.0 g/L

Wine Notes

Colour Deep crimson.

Aroma Brooding, complex nose. Hints of wild berry, blackcurrant, toasty oak and leather.

Palate A full-bodied red wine. Sweet fruit on entry with flavours of wild berry, Doris plum and earthy undertones. The wine has good concentration and flavour. Firm tannin means the wine finishes dry.

Food Match Enjoy with meat, cheese platter or Winter casseroles.  Vegan Friendly



“History imparts
an indelible strength
of character on Matawhero,
the vineyard, the wine
and its people.”

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