

Matawhero

CHURCH HOUSE



Tasting Notes

2016 Church House Single Vineyard Malbec

Vineyard Review

The grapes for this wine are sourced from Paul Tietjen's Vineyard in the 'Golden Slope' region of Gisborne. Grown on Kaiti Clay loam soil, and planted in 2009, the fruit is 100% leaf plucked around the fruit zone and only 2 canes are laid down to ensure good ripeness, colour and texture in the wine.

Harvest Analysis: Brix 23.0 Titratable Acidity 8.80 g/L pH 3.40

Winemaking

The harvest decisions at Matawhero are made after the winemaker and viticulturist concur that the grapes are flavour ready. After another good growing season in Gisborne, the Malbec achieved good ripeness. The grapes were machine harvested and tank fermented. The juice was then pumped over regularly to extract colour and tannin. The wine was pressed at dryness and underwent full malolactic fermentation. After 10 months maturation, the wine was filtered and bottled.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol 13.1% Titratable Acidity 5.53 g/L pH 3.6 Residual Sugar 2.3g/L

Wine Notes

Colour Deep crimson.

Aroma Lifted aromatic notes of Doris plum, dark fruits and dusty herbs.

Palate Big and fruity with hints of plum, blackberry, blueberry and dried herbs. The wine has a big, ripe tannic finish.

Food match Lovely with any red meat dish.



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