



MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND WINE

DREADNOUGHT SYRAH 2007



HARVEST DATE 14/4/07 – 18/4/07

BRIX @ HARVEST 23.5- 24.5

BARREL 100%

T.A 4.5

PH 3.87

R.S < 2g/L

ALC 14.0%

CELLAR NOTES

Our most extreme sites are the steepest hottest hillsides dedicated to the Syrah grape. Laboriously hand harvested and delivered to the winery in impeccable condition the grapes were destemmed into open top fermenters. Careful hand plunging throughout the fermentation extracted dense colour, vibrant flavours and ripe tannins. Prolonged contact with the skins post fermentation allowed for integration of tannins yielding a fine generous wine.

TASTING NOTES

Fragrant Syrah spice and dense dark berry aromas swirl with earthy, savoury, meaty complexity. The vines extreme environment translates into a wine of uncommon depth and muscularity. Showing the fleshy cushioning of youth the Dreadnought Syrah will reveal its distinguished features with maturity.

92 POINTS ~ Robert Parker, reviewed by Neal Martin

Wine Advocate April 2008

“The nose reminded me of a great Chateau de Beaucastel: a little sweaty, but overflowing with character and charm. The palate is full-bodied, plush with great purity, that touch of sweatiness in the background simply adding to its complexity; a tannic finish with plum, black cherries and a touch of eau-de-vie. This is a wine that could have gone completely over-the-top but somehow they pull a superb, hedonistic but well-balanced Syrah out of the hat.”



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