



# MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND  
NEW ZEALAND WINE

## IRONCLAD 2007

**BLEND** 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot, and 2% Petit Verdot

**HARVEST DATE** 12/4/07 – 20/4/2007

**BRIX AT HARVEST** 23.5-24.5

**BARREL** 100%

**T.A** 5.8

**PH** 3.69

**R.S** < 2g/L

**ALC** 13.5%



## CELLAR NOTES

This wine is a blend of classic Bordeaux varieties that were hand selected from our greatest sites. The grapes were crushed prior to fermentation in closed stainless steel fermenters. Aerated pump-overs were performed twice per day to extract the maximum amount of colour, flavour and tannin. After careful consideration the separate batches were gently pressed and matured in French and American oak.

## TASTING NOTES

This wine is a blend of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Merlot, and 2% Petit Verdot. Aromas of cassis and charcuterie from the Cabernets introduce a big and bold palate with luscious Merlot softening the blow and Petit Verdot providing exotic spice. Commanding with granite like authority yet generous in nature the Ironclad strikes an impressive and stylish pose.

**93 POINTS ~ Robert Parker, reviewed by Neal Martin**

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The 2007 Iconclad is where things start getting really interesting, a blend of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot, this has a compelling, brooding nose with notes of blackberry, cedar, creme de cassis and a touch of burnt match. The palate is full-bodied, opulent with thick chewy tannins – an imposing wine, ferociously backward but with great harmony and an almost Pomerol-like finish. Drink over 4-6 years.



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