



Tinpot Hut 2012 Hawkes Bay Syrah

WINEMAKER

Fiona Turner

COLOUR

Ruby red with a purple hue

AROMA

Aromas of white and black pepper, violets and plum, and a subtle chocolate and leather spiciness.

PALATE

A medium-bodied complex wine in the mode of northern Rhone showing plum, pepper and cinnamon characteristics with a slight bacon note on the finish. A firm acid backbone with silky tannins harmonises with the fruit and culminates in a warm ripe finish.

CELLARING AND FOOD PAIRING

Bottled in March 2013 this Syrah is drinking well and will continue to develop within the next 1-5 years.

VINTAGE

2012 was a cooler and exceptionally low yielding vintage in Hawkes Bay. Combined with careful harvest timing, fruit was taken at maximum ripeness.

VINIFICATION

This wine was produced from fruit grown on two specifically selected sites in Hawke's Bay. The Gimblett Gravels vineyard is warm and typically ripens early, producing fruit that contributes body and structure. The low vigour, free-draining soils deliver small crops with amazing concentration. The Esk Valley vineyard brings a coastal influence to the wine, intensifying the black pepper and floral aromatics.

Harvested at optimum maturity in cool conditions the fruit was destemmed into small open top fermenters. It was allowed to cold soak for a period of 5 days prior to fermentation with selected yeasts and hand plunged 3 times daily. Following fermentation the skins were drained then pressed to stainless steel tanks for 24 hours prior to racking off gross solids to a mixture of small stainless steel aging tanks, and new and mature French oak. Following malolactic fermentation the wine was left to age for a further 9 months prior to blending, stabilising and bottling.

WINE ANALYSIS SUSTAINABILITY

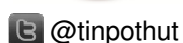
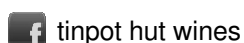
Alcohol 13.0% | TA 5.6 | pH 3.55 | RS <1.0 g/L



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