



## Tinpot Hut 2016 Hawkes Bay Syrah

### WINEMAKER

Fiona Turner

### COLOUR

Ruby red with a purple hue

### AROMA

Aromas of black pepper, leather, 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 September 2017 this Syrah is drinking well and will continue to develop within the next 1-5 years.

### VINTAGE

The 2016 growing season was characterized by a long warm and dry summer with moderate fruit yields and intense flavours.

### VINIFICATION

This wine was produced from fruit grown in a single vineyard in the Omahu Gravels where the low vigour, free-draining soils deliver small crops with amazing concentration. Protected from the prevailing wind and cloud formation, the block is warm and typically ripens early, producing fruit that contributes body and structure. Harvested at optimum maturity in cool conditions the fruit was de-stemmed 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 new and mature French oak. Following malolactic fermentation the wine was left to age for a further 12 months prior to blending, stabilising and bottling.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.0% | TA 6.0 | pH 3.63 | RS < 1.0 g/L

### SUSTAINABILITY



Tinpot Hut is proud to display the Sustainable Winegrowing logo on all our wines - practices that protect the environment while efficiently and economically producing premium grapes and wine.

### ACCOLADES

5 Stars, 94 points – Wine Orbit, April 2018

*This is impressively fruited and fragrant on the nose showing Black Doris plum, blueberry compote, game and toasted nut characters with subtle black peppers notes. The palate is concentrated and succulent, delivering excellent fruit purity and generosity together with focus and structure, leading to a superbly long silky finish.*

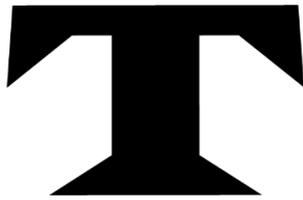


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