



2010 SYRAH RESERVE

Wine Makers Notes

The grapes come from the Tasman region in Nelson and were handpicked, sorted, de-stemmed and crushed. Fermentation was carried out in open topped vats and the must was hand plunged to allow gentle extraction of tannin.

After fermentation was completed the new wine was left to macerate with the skins for one week while the development was monitored for structure and balance.

The vat of Syrah was lightly pressed to tank to settle, then racked to barrel to complete the malolactic fermentation.

The wine sat in a mixture of new and old French oak for 16 months with one racking occurring. Crossflow filtering was performed after cold stabilization. No fining agents have been used.

Technical Details

Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	0.8 g/L
pH	3.3
Total Acidity	6.7 g/L

Tasting Notes

Colour: Deep red

Aroma: White pepper and aromatic spice combine with prunes and dried fruits.

Palate: The main fruit component is blackcurrants with hints of raspberry, followed by smoky oak and ripe tannin with some leather in the background.

Finish: Silky tannins with good length and balance, combine with a back drop of coco and cherry making the finish exciting and powerful.

History

Anchorage Wines founding family, the Drummonds hold firm to their belief that the rich fertile soils surrounding the Motueka township, coupled with balmy sea breezes and some of New Zealand's consistently highest sunshine readings are the ideal climate in which to craft their aromatic wines. Grapes from their vineyards in the nearby Moutere add a further dimension to their range of classic aromatic varieties.

The first of the vines were planted in the spring of 2000 in rich river loam beside the mouth of the Motueka River. Vibrant, fertile river flats with loamy, sandy soils ensure vigorous growth with careful vineyard management in the Motueka and Riwaka vineyards while the heavier but no less fertile soils in the Moutere are coupled with incredibly hot temperatures, combine to produce a mouth-filling array of aromas and flavours in the resultant wines.