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Single Vineyard Syrah

JR
JASPER RIDGE
 WAIHEKE ISLAND



GROWING SEASON (2022)

The 2022 growing season was excellent. The wetter spring weather was welcome, following two very dry years on Waiheke Island. This resulted in stable flowering and canopy growth. December brought warm, dry weather, which helped drive fruit ripening following veraison. The vines were fruit thinned to ensure the utmost quality of the grapes before they headed into the winery.

VINEYARD

Jasper Ridge Estate is located at the east end of New Zealand's Waiheke Island on Cowes Bay Road, near the small coastal settlement of Orapiu, overlooking the Hauraki Gulf. It is a single variety (Syrah) vineyard that is home to around 4000 vines, with Syrah grapes harvested from the ridge block for the Jasper Ridge Single Vineyard Syrah 2023.

WINEMAKING

17 March 2022 saw hand-harvested fruit being transferred to the winery. The grapes spent 26 days macerating on skins before being pressed and transferred into 20% one-year and 80% used French oak barriques (228l) for 9 months' ageing. The juice was inoculated with a "Syrah" yeast and went through malolactic fermentation in the barrel, being racked out of and returned back to the barrel once during the ageing process. The wine was bottled in February 2023.

TASTING NOTES

A single vineyard Syrah with a deep crimson hue. The dark fruit and candy aromas alongside the plum and black cherry notes provide a fruit-forward richness. An undercurrent of vanilla and delicate black pepper spice create a subtle kick of complexity on the palate.

HARVEST COMPOSITION

Brix 24.5
 pH 3.5
 Titratable Acidity 5.8g/L

WINE COMPOSITION

pH 3.78
 Titratable Acidity 5.3g/L
 Alcohol 14.5%
 Contains sulphites and
 fined with egg white

Vine Age

100% Syrah varietal, hand-grafted
 in field between 2002-2005.

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