



MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND WINE



DREADNOUGHT 2016

HARVEST DATE 13/04/2016 – 28/4/2016

BRIX @ HARVEST 23.5 – 25.2

T.A 6.9 **pH** 3.74 **R.S** 2 dry **ALC** 14.0%

BARREL 32% New French oak Puncheons 68% seasoned.

VINEYARDS Mad mans, Asylum, Big North, Garden cove, Niko Face, 20 Tonner, North 3.

REGION Waiheke Island.

CELLAR NOTES

Vintage 2016 began with a settled and dry Spring resulting in great flowering and a corresponding excellent fruit set. The settled weather continued up to the New Year when wet weather patterns became prevalent which continued into the harvest months. Careful attention to detail in the vineyard paid off with an astonishing quality of fruit across all varieties in what was undoubtedly a most challenging year.

Our Dreadnought Syrah comes from steep hillside vineyards and is carefully hand harvested before delivery to the winery. The fruit is put across a sorting table before being de stemmed and delivered to open vats for fermentation and in select cases whole clusters were included in the ferment.

Syrah is allowed to ferment with wild yeasts with plunging or pump overs being carried out twice daily. Following an extended time on skins (average 35 days in vat) the wines are gently pressed and taken straight to barrel for natural malolactic fermentation in the spring.

The wines are racked once to a blend after 18 months before further maturing in tank for 3 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTE

Typical aromas for Dreadnought Syrah include a smoky peat character that provides a savoury edge to the overt blueberry and pepper aromas, that mix of savoury and sweet that is reminiscent of the Northern Rhone is style.

Dreadnought 2016 has excellent fruit accessibility with a richly textured palate restrained with a streak of acidity and a mineral edge derived from a small portion of stem inclusion all supported by a classic Dreadnought tannin structure creating a complex and harmonious wine with plenty of aging potential.

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