



MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND WINE



BELLEROPHON SYRAH / VIOGNIER 2012

BLEND 96% Syrah and 4% Viognier
HARVEST DATE 25/05/12 – 03/06/12
BRIX @ HARVEST 22.7-24.8
BARREL 20% New French Oak, 80% Older
T.A 6.0 **PH** 3.77 **R.S** n/a **ALC** 13.7%
REGION Waiheke Island
VINEYARDS North 3, Lunatic, Madman's

CELLAR NOTES

2012 was a cool but excellent vintage resulting in wines of purity and intensity. In response to the vintage conditions Bellerophon was conceptualised. Bellerophon is our first co-ferment offering in the classic mould of Cote-Rotie containing the Viognier grape. To further develop the style a number of ferments had the inclusion of stems as whole bunch clusters in the fermentation, this was either as 10% additions of the Viognier or anywhere between 10 to 100% whole cluster Syrah. Fermented with 'wild' yeasts and left in vat for an extended period prior to pressing, the various components underwent a natural malolactic in the Spring before blending and bottling just prior to the vintage of 2013.

TASTING NOTE

Cote Rotie is traditionally stereotyped as the most feminine of the appellations within the Northern Rhone. Containing 20% whole clusters and 4% Viognier, the overall Bellerophon blend is classically structured with the distinctive stem tannin giving a lifted freshness to the finish. Aromas of violets, raspberries and white pepper frame a wine that is incredibly approachable in its youth. Smoked meat and liquorice aromas will develop with time in the cellar.

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Christened in honour of the heroic demi-god astride an immortal winged horse; Bellerophon designates both the first ship of a new class of Dreadnoughts, and the first blend of Syrah and Viognier from our volcanic hillside vineyards.



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