



MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND WINE



BELLEROPHON SYRAH/VIOGNIER 2014

BLEND 97% Syrah and 3% Viognier
HARVEST DATE 26/03/14 – 12/04/14
BRIX @ HARVEST 22.8-24.0
BARREL 25% New French Oak, 75% Older
T.A 5.25 **PH** 3.83 **R.S** n/a **ALC** 13.5%
REGION Waiheke Island
VINEYARDS North 3, Lunatic, Madman's

CELLAR NOTES

After the remarkable success of the first Bellerophon in 2012 it was decided to make another offering from the 2014 vintage. The Syrah was co-fermented in the classic mould of Côte-Rôtie with the white Viognier grape. To further develop the style approximately 30% of the wine was fermented with whole bunch clusters in the fermentation, this was either as 15% 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 2015.

TASTING NOTE

After our experience with the 2012 Bellerophon we were able to craft a wine from 2014 that will not only live up to the expectations created by the 2012 Bellerophon but will substantially exceed those expectations. The 2014 Bellerophon is classically structured with an intensely fragrant nose of violets, raspberries and white pepper. Careful management of the stem and Viognier components has resulted in a palate that is soft and elegant exhibiting flavours of ripe red berries. All of which is encased by the distinctive stem tannins giving a lifted freshness and length to the finish. The wine is incredibly approachable in its youth but will age gracefully developing more savoury earthy and smoked meat characters with time.

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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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