

WAIHEKE ISLAND NEW ZEALAND WINE

## **DREADNOUGHT 2010**



BLEND 100% Syrah HARVEST DATE 22/3/2012-22/4/2010 BRIX AT HARVEST 24.8-26 BARREL 20% new Puncheons 80% old barrel T.A 6.5 PH 3.69 ALC 14.5% VINEYARDS Lunatic, Mad Man, Asylum, North 3, Thumb

## CELLAR NOTES

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.

Following a 4 day soak the Syrah is allowed to ferment with wild yeasts with plunging carried out twice daily. Following an extended time on skins (average 28 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 the following year before further maturing in tank for 3 months prior to bottling with a coarse filtration.

## TASTING NOTES

Typical aromas for Dreadnought Syrah include a smokey peat character that provides a savoury edge to the overt blueberry and pepper aromas, that mix of savoury and sweet that is classic Northern Rhone is style. The palate is concentrated and rich but well balanced with vibrant acidity and a streak of minerality – almost a salty character with the wine finishing with a large volume of fine grain tannins.

## DREADNOUGHT

The first in a line of early 20th century battleships bestowed with the motto "fear god and dreadnought" and embodying a supreme combination of speed and power, Dreadnought denotes our steepest and most breathtaking hillside Syrah vineyards.

This wine is bottled and protected under screw cap as we believe it is the best closure for quality wine.



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