



MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND WINE



DREADNOUGHT SYRAH 2014

BLEND: 100% Syrah

HARVEST DATE: 25/03/14 – 11/04/14

BRIX @ HARVEST: 23.9-24.5

BARREL: 35% New French Oak puncheons, 75% seasoned French oak

T.A: 5.1 **PH:** 3.42 **R.S:** 0 g/L **ALC:** 14.6%

REGION Waiheke Island

VINEYARDS Mad Mans, Asylum, North 3, Lunatic, Garden Cove, Thumb

CELLAR NOTES

Climatically, 2014 was a relatively moderate season for Waiheke; with a return to average rainfall and sunshine hours after the drought of 2013. Flowering was excellent which resulted in very good yields across most varieties. With vigilance and patience shown in the vineyards it was possible to ripen the crop to optimum levels prior to harvesting. The overall impression of 2014 are fruit driven wines of impeccable balance with the wines lending themselves to slightly less time in oak and earlier bottling. The majority of fruit was sorted, destemmed and then treated in our typical manner; no crushing, no yeast or additions and an extended time in vat. However, a few select ferments we added up to 15% whole clusters to the bottom of each vat before destemming on top. When pressed, the wines stayed in barrel for 18 months with a natural malolactic fermentation occurring in the spring before bottling under screw cap in February 2016.

TASTING NOTE

The 2014 Dreadnought is has excellent fruit accessibility with a rich voluminous palate tamed with a streak of acidity and a mineral edge derived from the stem influence all supported by a classic Dreadnought tannin structure. The aromas are lifted with black and blue fruits and a spicy gaminess of the stems creating a complex and harmonious wine with plenty of aging potential. Stylish, finely balanced this wine is beautiful now but will reward careful cellaring.

We envisage graceful development as the fine boned structure becomes more apparent and great complexity ensues.

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.

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