



MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND WINE

WARSPITE 2010

BLEND 61.5% Cabernet franc 23.2% Merlot 15.3% Malbec

HARVEST DATE 7/4/2010

BRIX AT HARVEST 25 - 25.8

BARREL 25% new French oak

T.A 5.6

PH 3.6

ALC 14.5%



CELLAR NOTES

Warspite 2010 is our first release of our Bordeaux style blend from vineyards located on Ponui Island, 4 nautical miles from the south coast of Man O' War Bay.

The fruit for the Warspite blend is meticulously sorted in the vineyard by hand harvesting and double sorting in the winery by both bunch and berry.

The Warspite is a co fermentation of the three varieties of Cabernet franc, Merlot and Malbec and is gently cared for over 30 days in vat with twice daily plunging or pump overs throughout the fermentation before pressing to tank.

The Warspite is then settled in tank for 6 weeks before going to barrel with light lees. The wines go through natural malolactic fermentation in late spring remaining in barrel until blending in the following Autumn.

Warspite is then left in tank for 4 months before a light filtration to bottle.

TASTING NOTES

The blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Malbec was inspired by the great vineyards of St Emillon in particular Chateau Cheval Blanc.

Our Warspite is a supremely concentrated lush fruitful wine with an abundance of red berry fruit, floral lift and a note of wild herb on the nose.

The palate is very supple and rich with a firm graphite like grip of tannins on the finish. Warspite 2010 will reward decanting in its youth and will also reward long patient cellaring with a wine of immense complexity, power and longevity.

WARSPITE

One of a new class of "fast" battleships when launched and blessed with a thrilling combination of elegance and power, Warspite is entirely sourced from our Ponui Island vineyards and emulates the graceful power of the Royal Navy's "Grand Old Dame"

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



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