



MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND WINE

WARSPITE 2013

BLEND 60% Cabernet Franc, 30% Merlot & 10% Malbec

HARVEST DATE 25/03/13 - 27/03/13

BRIX AT HARVEST 24.1 - 26.5

BARREL 42% new French oak, 58% Seasoned French oak

T.A 5.25

PH 3.73

ALC 15%

VINEYARDS Paradise CF, Paradise ME, Brock MA; Ponui Island

VINTAGE, VINEYARD & CELLAR NOTES

Rated as Waiheke's finest vintage to date, the 2013 vintage delivered fruit of exceptional quality and the fruit for our Warspite was no exception. Weather was largely warm, dry and settled which was the complete opposite to the previous vintage. Yields were extremely low due to the dry season, resulting in small intensely flavoured grapes. Long, fine days allowed us to harvest some of the best fruit we have ever seen.

With our Warspite grapes grown on neighbouring Ponui Island we are required to wait for a favourable tide to allow for the equipment and pickers to be taken across the water to harvest throughout the day. Once completed the fruit is brought back in on the incoming tide and we process throughout the night to make the bins available for the following days picking.

After gentle de-stemming the grapes underwent a 'wild' fermentation in the vat and spent 30 days on skins with gentle plunging or pumping over of the juice to keep the skins fresh. The various parcels were then pressed off together to form the blend and aged in barrel for 24 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Warspite is the third release of this wine. It is very generously proportioned with a supple palate and is densely packed with fine tannins and an abundance of sweet red berry fruit with hints of cooking spice.

Approximately 60% Cabernet Franc, 30% Merlot & 10% Malbec the 2013 Warspite exhibits the wonderful traits of Cabernet Franc dominant wine, that is a wine of density and concentration but firmly anchored in the red berry fruit spectrum typically associated with lighter wines.

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".



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