



## DREADNOUGHT 2021

HARVEST DATE: 1/4/2021 - 22/4/2021

BRIX @ HARVEST: 23.5 - 24.7

BARREL: 28% new French Oak Barriques, 72% seasoned

T.A: 6.0 pH: 3.59 R.S: Dry ALC: 14.25%

REGION: Waiheke Island

BLEND: Syrah

VINEYARDS: Madmans, 20 Tonner, Niko Face, Big North, Asylum,

Goats, Garden Cove

## WINEMAKING

Vintage 2021 presented moderate crops with a settled growing season, long periods of dry weather and occasional rainfall, the harvest months were perfect. Dreadnought is a blend of our diverse Syrah vineyards spread across the hilltops and valleys of Eastern Waiheke Island. Estate grown, dry farmed and hand harvested, the Syrah selections were naturally fermented in open top vats with varying amounts of whole clusters, carefully worked every day with at least 30 days on skins before gentle pressing to barrel. Natural malolactic fermentation, delayed sulphur additions and two years in barrel has resulted in a perfectly balanced wine on release with confidence in a lengthy cellaring potential.

## TASTING NOTE

Dreadnought 2021 is a stunningly complex wine, loaded with red, black and blue berry fruits, lifted stem complexity, iodine, graphite, with florals unfolding and ever evolving. The palate is focused with an impressive weight, balanced with wonderful length, acidity and tannin all elevated with the vigour of the stem inclusion. Dreadnought 2021 is classically styled in the wines of the Northern Rhone, a beautiful vintage reflected in a magnificent wine. Will reward cellaring, if you can't wait then enjoy with confidence in one of our finest wines to date.

