



SAORSA
2018 VIOGNIER
CORNERSTONE VINEYARD
HAWKE'S BAY

VINEYARD- Located in the heart of Gimblett Road in Hawke's Bay. This vineyard is wildly stony. Soils laid down by the Ngaruroro river, natural bands of silt are streaked through the harsh gravels. The Cornerstone Vineyard is something special. The Viognier is the only white grape in the vineyard. The stones reflect a vast amount of light while providing a hostile growing environment and retaining a small amount of heat when the temperature drops at night over the vast plains. The vineyard for the 2018 growing season was left unpruned and was going to be removed. The quality of the fruit this year led to still being harvested and the vineyard now being maintained and kept, but allows us to produce the wildest expression of this wine possible.

VINTAGE- 2018 was the third harvest in a row to be plagued by cyclones. Luckily most of the severe weather came early in the harvest and then came the most amazing period of dry weather. This halted harvest for a few weeks but resulted in an amazing extended ripening period for allowing for Viognier to obtain fully ripe skins and develop a small amount of noble rot.

Vinification- Hand harvested 7th April 2018 and transported to the winery where the fruit was whole bunched pressed and run straight to barrel 60% and tank 40% for indigenous fermentation without additions. Aged in oak for 16 months before being transferred to tank for gravity settling. All movements made by gravity and with no inert gas. Bottled with no fining and filtration and only a small addition of sulphur.

Analysis-

- Alcohol-** 13.5%
- pH-** 3.53
- TA-** 5.74 g/L
- Residual Sugar-** Nil