



SAORSA

2019 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 plains.

VINTAGE- 2019 can only be described as idyllic. After the three previous harvests had been hit in various ways by tropical cyclones, 2019 was an absolute dream. Hawke's Bay saw a reasonably warm winter season, which led to an early bud burst in the vineyards. The growing season was warm and reasonably dry, with rain coming when needed, but leaving the season disease free. The 2019 harvest was early as the entire season had been. The summer and Autumn period were long and dry, allowing us to pick when we wanted with no pressure from rain. 2019 saw perfect conditions across all varieties from early to late.

This particular harvest saw major pruning renovations over the winter period. While this will add to the long term health of the vines, this resulted in the smallest crop we have ever harvested. 2019 is small but of the highest quality.

VINIFICATION- Hand harvested 24th March 2019 and transported to the winery where the fruit was whole bunched pressed and run straight to barrel for indigenous fermentation without additions. Aged in oak for 14 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.

Alcohol- 14.2%