



SAORSA

THE DAY THE WINE INDUSTRY DIED

2021 APPASSIMENTO VIOGNIER

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 perfect for keeping the wild growth and unruly behaviour of Viognier under control and retaining a small amount of heat when the temperature drops at night over the plains.

VINTAGE-2021 was a stunner! After two exceptional harvests in the years prior, we could not of foreseen one of this absolute quality. Again Hawke's Bay saw a warm and dry winter season continuing the drought conditions from the end of 2020 this led to an extremely early bud burst in the vineyards. The growing season was also warm and dry leading to one of the earliest starts to harvest we have ever seen. The summer and Autumn period were long and dry, allowing us to pick when we wanted with no pressure from rain. 2021 saw perfect conditions across all varieties from early too late, with acidity being the best seen in years.

VINIFICATION- Hand harvested 25th March and transported to the winery where the fruit was separated from the rest of the grapes being pressed. Grapes were painstakingly laid out individually on mats of straw without being piled up and any damaged berries removed. This ancient and traditional technique dehydrates and concentrates the flavours, sugars and the acidity of the grapes. Dried for a full 28 day moon cycle the grapes we then whole bunch pressed on 22nd April for 6 hours to gather every last drop of liquid gold. Juice was naturally gravity settled then racked off heavy solids and allowed to ferment with indigenous yeast. The fermentation was slow and long until it naturally finished on its own terms.

After fermentation the wine was left on lees until being lightly filtered ready for bottle.

Bottled on 29th October 2021

Alcohol- 13.5%

Residual Sugar- 168 g/l

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