



SAORSA

2021 ROSÉ OF SYRAH

HAWKE'S BAY

VINEYARD- Grown in the Hawke's Bay subregion of Esk Valley. This cool and gentle river valley was picked for aromatics, freshness and delicacy. Syrah grown on sandy silt laden soils laid down by the Esk River. The gentle free draining nature of the soils provide texture and acid retention. Farmed with no herbicides the vineyard has natural grass cover under the vines creating competition for the vines and a natural and healthy soil composition for which they grow.

GROWING SEASON- 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 and an absolute highlight from the year being Syrah.

VINIFICATION- Hand harvested 23th March and transported to the winery where the fruit was gently whole bunched pressed and run to tank. The fresh juice was gravity settled overnight with no additions and racked the following morning to a single 500 litre neutral puncheon. Fermentation was slow and gentle with indigenous yeast and the wine progressed through indigenous Malo-lactic fermentation. Remaining in barrel Sur Lie for 6 months before being racked to tank to naturally gravity settle, bottling with no fining or filtration and only a small addition of sulphur.

Alcohol- 12.0%

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