



SAORSA

2024 SYRAH

HAWKE'S BAY

VINEYARD- A blend of idyllic hillside sites and from the bridge Pa triangle in Hawke's Bay. One from the Subregion of Paki Paki a gentle North facing slopes with shallow limestone soils. A slightly more inland area of Hawke's Bay with long hot days and an abundance of sunlight. The second from the steep sandstone over limestone slopes of Roy's Hill situated high above the Gimblett Gravels stoney soils. Bridge Pa triangle site with high intensity planting on stoney red metal ancient soils giving flesh and body. This presence of light and heat combined with the natural slope of the sites and cooling winds allows our Syrah to boast both masculine and delicate floral tones.

GROWING SEASON- 2024 was a beautiful season. Vines struggled through the last few cooler seasons, producing insanely small crops. Vines produced a very small number of flowers and these resulted in very small bunches and berries. The Chave clone of Syrah inherently juicy nature helped with these very low crop numbers. The harvest season was magical. Long and dry but not overly hot, helping the small berries ripen gently and retain their beauty. 2024 wines show a remarkable concentration but without being over cooked. Wines are rich and full bodied but with delicate floral aromatics in all varieties. A vintage I describe as rich and pretty.

VINIFICATION- Hand harvested between 6th and 8th April and transported to the winery where the fruit was transferred to fermenter and gently foot crushed to allow for ferments between 50-100% whole cluster fermentation. A short cold soak period led to fermentation with indigenous yeast. Cap management was gentle hand plunging where maceration lasted between 26-30 days on skins. A short settling period before running the wine to neutral oak where malo-lactic fermentation started in the following spring. Aged in oak for 16 months with a single bâtonnage post Malo-lactic fermentation. Blended and naturally gravity settled in tank prior to bottling with no fining or filtration and only a small addition of sulphur. Bottled 10th November 2025.

Alcohol- 13.0%