

Syrah^{RM}

2016

TRADEMARK SYRAH^{RM} HAWKE'S BAY

This is where the story starts. In 1993 I arrived in Hawke's Bay with a love for making wine and everything I owned packed into the boot of a small car. The plan was to figure out where to plant the best small vineyards as the first step towards unlocking the full potential of Syrah grown and raised in Hawke's Bay. We're up to five so far.

I first visited the Northern Rhone, the spiritual home of great Syrah, in 1995 and was blown backwards by the richness of the wines and the stories they told, by the unlikeliness of the vineyard plantings and the investment both financial and human. By this international yardstick, we're only just beginning to explore what's possible here in Hawke's Bay.

Syrah, more than any other red grape variety planted here, tells a story about where it was grown and who made it. I believe it will become the most important red grape variety in Hawke's Bay. It'll become our trademark.

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From our Trademark Syrah vineyards, planted on a sloping limestone hillside and an old riverside slope overlooking the TukiTuki River. Handpicked and all de-stemmed but not crushed into open top fermenters where it was hand plunged until pressing. Run to French oak barrels for 18 months rest in our cellars. Lightly egg-white fined before bottling.

TASTE

For all its ripeness, the wine has retained a vibrancy and great complexity on the nose. The palate is plush with typical violet, spice, black cherry and subtle white pepper notes. Supple chalky tannins provide a structure that promise time in bottle will be rewarded.

Rod McDonald, Winemaker

Varietal: 100% Hawke's Bay gold **Alc:** 13.0 %

Std drinks: 7.7 **Allergens:** Contains sulphites



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