



CABLE BAY SYRAH 2020

Waiheke Island

Cable Bay Vineyards is dedicated to crafting exquisite wines known for their subtlety, elegance and depth. Taking an Old World approach and combining it with New World techniques, Cable Bay's opulent wines are a stylish reflection of the land where they began.

All of Cable Bay's vineyards are accredited with SWNZ (Sustainable Wine Growing New Zealand).

WINEMAKER	Chloe Somerset & Ross Anderson
VARIETIES	100% Syrah
VINTAGE	2020
REGION	Waiheke Island
SINGLE VINEYARD	Estate Vineyard
ALCOHOL	13%
SWEETNESS	Dry
FERMENTATION/AGING	Fermented in steel open tops, matured in French oak puncheons
CELLARING POTENTIAL	Drinking beautifully now, and enjoy for the next 15+ years

TASTING NOTE

This wine is made from grapes grown on naturally low yielding, 23 year old vines. As a consequence, the fruit has concentration, depth and complexity in flavour. On the nose, the wine expresses cassis and intricacies of black doris plum and pepper. On the palate it is opulent and velvety in texture, full of seduction and is well poised, demanding of your attention. This wine is both intense and delicate, has lovely body, with supple juicy fruit and spice paving the way to great textural mouth feel and solid, shapely tannin structure. A lovely reflection of the 2020 season.

VINEYARDS

This wine is made from Hermitage MS clone Syrah grapes grown on our Waiheke Island Estate Vineyard. The vineyard site is situated on a sun-drenched, north facing slope with predominantly mineralised clay soils and volcanic ash, over Jurassic era rock. The viticulture is meticulous, with the aim of balanced, healthy vines, which bear beautifully ripe grapes with intense concentration of natural Syrah characteristics. Harvesting perfect fruit is our first priority.

WINEMAKING

These Syrah grapes were handpicked in March 2020, and immediately transferred into open top fermenters in our winery. The ferment was predominantly whole berry, with 33% whole bunches. We fermented some with wild yeast, and some with carefully selected strains. At pressing, only the free run wine was retained, and run to French oak puncheons and barriques. In 28% new oak, it aged for 14 months before assemblage, and then a further 2 months integrating together as a blend in tank, before bottling.