ABLE BAY VIOGNIER

CABLE BAY VIOGNIER 2021 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 SWNZ (Sustainable Wine Growing New Zealand).

WINEMAKER	Ross Anderson
VARIETIES	Viognier, Marsanne
VINTAGE	2021
REGION	Waiheke Island
VINEYARDS	Browns and Edwards Vineyards
ALCOHOL	13.0%
SWEETNESS	Dry
FERMENTATION/AGING	Fermented and aged in French acacia barrels
CELLARING POTENTIAL	Enjoyable upon release, this wine will also reward cellaring till 2028

TASTING NOTE

Notes of an island summer pour from the glass, Elderflower, Pomegranate, A combination of Limes and Mango supported by the freshness of a sea breeze. A medium bodied wine that delivers crisp acidity which keeps interest to a dry spicy finish. The phenolic structure of this wine is one of its shining features, demonstrating that skin contact and acacia barrels work in harmony to give an experience not to dissimilar to biting into a juicy apricot. A wine that's stands alone or can accompany a variety of dishes.

FOOD MATCH

Cheesy baked Oysters with Leeks and Garlic

VINEYARDS

Crafted from a selection of small blocks located at the Western end of Waiheke Island, Viognier thrives in our warm Maritime climate. The grapes were hand harvested when flavours peaked inside the small window of optimum ripeness that occurs with this variety. Our vineyard management is sustainable and environmentally friendly.

WINEMAKING

Carrying on the previous theme of the last few years, 2021 saw another load of happy staff foot squish a portion of the hand harvested Viognier, whilst the remaining fruit was delicately whole bunch pressed. We really like the textural element and aromatics foot stomping and macerating brings to the finished wine.. The wine was then rested on lees for 7 months before bottling. This wine has turned into a delicious, complex number with multiple layers, and is perfectly expressive of the vintage and site upon which it was grown.