

# WINDRUSH SYRAH MARLBOROUGH NV

# WHO ARE WE?

Callum & Sarah Linklater, second generation organic producers. We grow chardonnay, pinot noir & sauvignon blanc on family-owned certified organic vineyards.

### ABOUT THE VINEYARD

In 2012 we planted 80 Syrah vines at our Terrace Stone Vineyard on Hammond Rd near Renwick. This vineyard has lovely soil - a deep layer of fine stones mixed with silt and loam over clay - and is sheltered by trees which provides a unique micro-climate. We love Marlborough Syrah and thought the area by the shed may just be warm enough to grow Syrah! Due to the small number of vines, this is the first time we have properly bottled this wine and it is not certified organic.

## THE VINTAGE

60% 2021 / 40% 2020

2020 was a great season, excellent spring weather to set up an ideal flowering and a long hot dry summer leading in to harvest. 2021 was a cooler and wetter spring with some frosts, flowering and fruitfulness wasn't as great as 2020 but we had a settled calm spell leading in to harvest which was one of the earliest we've had.

### WINEMAKING

Hand-picked and destemmed at the winery into a small open top fermenter & cold soaked for 5 days with daily hand plunging. The must was inoculated with a special Rhone yeast & underwent fermentation and once complete, gently pressed off using a small basket press before going to barrel. Once in barrel malolactic fermentation was carried out and then left alone to develop complexity and tannin structure. Due to the small amount of annual production, this wine is a blend of the two vintages.

# WINEMAKERS NOTES

Aromas of Omega plums, blackberry & baking spice.

Dark berry, black currents, licorice, with a hint of tobacco & leather

Winemaker: Cullen Neal

Harvested: 10 April 2020, 20 April 2021

Bottled: 15 February 2022 Released: 10 June 2022 Alcohol 12.5% | pH 3.77 | TA 5.7g/L

RS: <1 | Total So2 110ppm

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