



Kirkpatrick Estate Winery 2009 Reserve Malbec

Description:

A single varietal Malbec, this wine has exotic sweet floral notes with lovely white pepper and blackcurrant aromas, while the palate offers an explosion of cinnamon spice and rich dark fruit. The finish is warm and lengthy with hints of coffee and fruitcake. Something a little different from Merlot, which will compliment spicy red meat dishes and game.

Viticulture:

Only 0.2 hectares of the KEW vineyard is planted with Malbec, which provides 6-7 barrels of wine. Spur pruned with two metre rows, canopy management is focused on vine health as this variety seems to suffer from nutritional deficiencies more severely than Merlot. Careful crop load management is also important to ensure complete physiological ripeness.

Analyses at harvest, April 8th 2009;

Brix: 24.2
pH: 3.51
TA: 8.775g/L

Winemaking:

Hand harvested, this small batch is hand plunged four times daily, giving a gentle extraction of tannin and colour. Pressed on dryness, the wine is then racked to mature French barriques for MLF. After 10 months of maturation, this wine was lightly fined with fresh egg whites, before being filtered prior to bottling.

Analyses at bottling:

pH: 3.82
TA: 5.66g/L
Alc: 13.7%
RS: 3.4g/L

Latest Awards

4 Stars Winestate Magazine March – April 2011

GOLD Medal NZ Royal Easter Show 2010

SILVER Medal 2010 Liquorland Top 100

SILVER Medal Bragato Wine Awards 2010

Peter' Picks Thirst Magazine: “Gold Medal already, a superb example of what Anita and the home-block Patutahi (Gisborne sub-region) can do with this variety. It has happened in several vintages. Just enough tannin, very generous red fruit flavours and a fine red meat or spicy food wine. No hurry into 2014”.

Wine NZ Magazine Spring 2010 Best Value Full Bodied Red over \$30: “Gisborne’s reputation is for Chardonnay and Gewurztraminer, so when this wine’s identity was revealed to the panel, it came from way out left field! We loved this wine’s amazingly exotic, floral nose – it is both intense and alluring. The palate is youthful yet lush and rich and displays loads of spicy blackberry, boysenberry vanilla, cream, clove and nutmeg, all providing superb complexity. With good concentration and depth of flavour, the wine is round in the mouth with seamless oak – and lots of it. The palate finished with big, plush velvety tannins.”