



Kirkpatrick Estate Winery 'Kirky Series' 2010 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 sweet currant fruit. Mouth filling with velvety tannins and a finish that 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, with only 3 barrels of wine from 2010. 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 3rd 2010;

Brix: 24
pH: 3.59
TA: 7.65g/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: 3.79
TA: 5.7g/L
Alc: 13.9%
RS: 2g/L

Notes regarding the naming of this wine over the page.

Owner Simon Kirkpatrick said it was an opportune time to pay tribute to his famous uncle and showcase some of the best wine Gisborne has to offer.

“The Rugby World Cup was an historic occasion for us all and we thought it was a great time to commemorate Ian’s contribution to the sport. He amassed 113 matches for the All Blacks, 43 as captain, and is still regarded as one of New Zealand rugby’s all-time greats having played for the All Blacks from 1967 to 1977 and is still held in high regard for his exploits against the Springboks, Australia, France and the British and Irish Lions. For a forward, and playing in an era where only the backs were meant to score tries, his ability to beat players with strength, speed and athleticism saw him score an incredible 50 tries for the All Blacks over his 10-year career.

This wine is a collector’s item as it has a photo of Ian with all his amazing statistics and this very limited release is personally signed by Ian.

Don't delay, order now, before it's too late !!