

## WAIPARA

## Block One Syrah 2016



We are a small wine estate located in the Waipara Valley, just 45 minutes north of Christchurch. We are totally focused on producing the best possible wines from our 8 hectare estate using meticulous viticulture and traditional wine making techniques.

We love what we do and you will too.

## Viticulture

A superb season. Warmer than average with moderate levels of rainfall. Excellent conditions during owering and fruitset, ensured a good crop was formed. Warm settled weather through until harvest enabled good quality ripe fruit to be picked without any timing or disease issues.

## **Tasting Notes**

Each parcel of fruit was passed over a sorting table before being crushed and destemmed into small 1.5 tonne open fermenters. Fermentation began naturally after an ambient soak of 2-3 days. The skins were regularly punched down during ferment and the wine spent a total of 22-26 days cuvaison before each dierent ferment was pressed, settle and racked to a mix of French oak, 20% new. In oak the wine underwent a nuatural Malolactic fermentation and spent a total of 10months in French oak barrriques before being racked, blendedand bottled in March the following year.

Alcohol: 13.8 % w/v Residual Sugar: 0.50 g/L

pH: 3.78

Titratable Acidity: 5.80g/L

Classic cool climate Syrah. Wonderfuly weighted elegant wine with sweet fresh cherry and licorice notes combined with subtle oak, hints of spicy ne grained tannin, a velvet mouthfeel and lengthy finish.

