



ANT MACKENZIE WINES

## THEORY & PRACTICE

### SYRAH 2016 HAWKE'S BAY

Theory & Practice wines are made by consultant winemaker Ant Mackenzie working in partnership with other growers and winemakers. This range showcases the best qualities of New Zealand's wine regions in a contemporary style.

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Vineyard:	Andrew and Debra Stewart Riverside, John and Shona Lyons Hillside
Clonal selections:	Chave and Mass select
Winemaker:	Ant Mackenzie
Harvest:	April 2016
Brix:	21.4-22.5 °Brix
Acidity:	6.12 g/L
pH:	3.65
Sugar:	<2.0 g/L
Alcohol:	13.0%
Style:	Savoury Syrah

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#### WINEMAKING:

All fruit was hand-harvested and destemmed to open top fermenters. The grapes were 'cold soaked' for seven days before undergoing a quick fermentation with natural vineyard yeasts. After fermentation the young wine was pressed to tank before draining to French oak barrels- 20% were new. Malo-lactic fermentation was completed in barrel and the wine left to age on full lees. After 20 months of aging the barrels were blended and the wine bottled.

#### TASTING NOTE:

Deep red in colour with a purple hue.

A complex savoury nose with fruit characters of blueberry and cranberry. Notes of wet earth, chorizo and five spice give additional interest to the aromatic profile.

The palate is full bodied and rich with a toasty and meaty complexity. The spice notes are from both the fruit-five spice and black pepper-and the newer barrels. An umami like savouriness-beef stock and soy-comes from a long maturation time on yeast lees. The texture on the palate is from supple front palate grape skin tannins. These tannins help balance the fruit richness and give the wine structure without contributing hardness.

*Enjoy this wine with grilled or braised red meat dishes.*



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