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CHURCH ROAD GRAND RESERVE SYRAH 2021



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A Quiet Yet Powerful Example of New Zealand Syrah

Product Code:	4091	Closure:	Screw Cap
Country:	New Zealand	Unit:	Each
Region:	Hawkes Bay	Volume:	750ml
Sub Region:	Gimblett Gravels	Alcohol:	13.5%
Style:	Red	Grape:	89% Syrah, 10% Malbec, 1% Viognier
Variety:	Syrah / Shiraz		





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TASTING NOTES

Gold Medal & 95/100 - Decanter World Wine Awards 2024 Gold Medal - New Zealand International Wine Show 2024

Winery notes (2021 Vintage)

"Aromas of vibrant red and black berry fruit and dark plummy richness are lifted by a classic Hawke's Bay Syrah floral perfume and exotic warm spice and pepper notes, while complexities of liquorice, cacao, vanilla, savoury undertones and an iron-like minerality bring a serious depth to the wine. On the palate the wine is medium bodied with an impression of sweet fruit and a long, elegant finish driven by fine grained tannins and gentle acidity. Well matched to a wide range of full flavoured game and red meat dishes.

2021 was another exceptional year in Hawke's Bay, with warm, dry, settled weather over most of the season. A significant sustained drought period lasted from mid-summer through until well after harvest was completed, allowing for all fruit to be harvested in optimum condition. A little cooler than 2020, the vintage is characterised by exuberant aromatics and excellent

structure, which should see some very long-lived wines.

228 L French oak barriques (33% new) and the balance older French and Hungarian origin. Malolactic fermentation ensued, softening the acidity and the wines were matured on light lees, in barrel for a total of 16 months to build texture and develop harmony."

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95/100 Judges' Comments, Decenter World Wine Awards 2024 (2021 Vintage)

"Capacious blackberry, blueberry and dark plum tucked into a bed of clove and sweet vanilla oak. Lush and generous with a luxuriant meaty texture and lively pepper finish."

Reviews for previous vintages below...

Rated Outstanding & 95/100 Cameron Douglas MS, April 2022 (2020 Vintage)

"Varietal, toasty, dark fruited, spicy and broody, youthful, complex and engaging. Delicious, and wonderfully expressive on the palate with textures from fruit and wood, flavours of dark raspberry and roasted plum, black currant and dry gravel soil qualities. Lengthy, complex, with a core of fruit and dark spices of wood. Best drinking from 2023 through 2033+."

4 1/2 Stars & Top 10, Cuisine NZ Syrah Tasting, June 2023 (2020 Vintage)

"An abundant nose with aromas of red fruits, plums, florals, baking spices and liquorice all present and working in harmony. On the palate, the fruit sweetness works well alongside the silky tannin and generous, yet well-integrated, oak."

5 Stars Michael Cooper (2019 Vintage)

"The classy 2019 vintage is a highly fragrant, powerful, savoury red, estate-grown in the Bridge Pa Triangle (74 per cent) and the Gimblett Gravels (26 per cent). It was matured for 17 months in French oak barriques (27 per cent new). Deeply coloured and still purple-flushed, it is mouthfilling, sweet-fruited and supple, with concentrated plum and spice flavours, oak complexity, and a finely textured, long, spicy finish. Drink now and over the next decade."

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