



Wine: Thomas 2013 Legacy Cabernet Merlot Franc

Region: Onetangi Valley, Waiheke Island

Varietal/s: 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

Elevage: 18 months in French oak barriques, 62% new Oak.

Style: Left Bank Bordeaux

Production: 577 bottles (2 barrels)

Closure: Cork (Diam)

Alcohol: 14.2%

Cellar door: \$120

Online sales: www.batchwinery.com

Fruit growing: Spring started fine and mild providing ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set albeit a low yielding crop. Summer was consistently warm and very dry, and Autumn proved to be unseasonably warm and dry. A superb growing season producing wines with excellent aging potential.

Winemaking: Hand harvested between the 3rd and 12th of April 2013. The fruit was perfectly ripe, and the stems were well lignified. In the winery, the bunches were destemmed, and individual berries were screened to retain only the ripest fruit. The berries were crushed, transferred to small open top fermenters and soaked for 5 days to benefit colour and tannin extract. The must was warmed and a spontaneous fermentation by the native vineyard yeasts took place for a period of 10 days. Post fermentation the young wine rested for 3 weeks "on skins" before being pressed. The wine was matured in French oak barrels for 18 months then blended on the 8th January 2015 and bottled unfiltered on the 15th of February 2015. Bottled aged for 5 years prior to release.

Tasting note: