



**Wine:** 2019 Thomas Legacy Cabernet Franc

**Region:** Waiheke Island

**Varietal/s:** 100% Cabernet Franc, clones; 214 (54%), 326 (46%)

**Elevage:** 11 months in French oak barriques, 33% new.

**Production:** 923 Bottles (750ml)

**Closure:** Cork (Diam)

**Alcohol:** 13.7%

**Cellar door:** \$70

**Online sales:** [www.batchwinery.com](http://www.batchwinery.com)

**Fruit growing:** Spring came early, conditions were warm and wet, the canopies grew quickly, flowering was two weeks early. Conditions over fruit set were ideal, resulting in bountiful flowering and plenty of bunches on the vines. Summer was hot and dry with some of the highest temperatures on record. Cyclones and heavy rain arrived late February and early March. Harvest began early March; the fruit was picked in excellent condition.

**Winemaking:** Hand-picked on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April, the fruit was sorted and crushed to a single fermenter, Warm soaked for 5 days then fermented with minimal plunging or stirring. A post-fermentation maceration of 10 days helped improve the texture and structure of the wine. The young wine was transferred to French oak barrels for 11 months. Estate bottled without fining and a light filtration.

**Tasting note:** Dark garnet edge with a deep crimson centre. Concentrated blackcurrant, redcurrant, lavender, dried herbs, and oak spice. Lacy tannin structure, supple mid palate, and exceptionally smooth finish. Enjoy drinking now, decanting recommended, will benefit from careful cellaring for 8 to 10 years.

Cameron Douglas – 94 pts