

Obsidian Reserve The Mayor – 2019 Waiheke Island

REGION

Varieties: 40% Cabernet Franc, 35% Petit Verdot, 25% Malbec
Region: Onetangi Valley, Waiheke Island, Auckland, New Zealand.

APPEARANCE

Dark Ruby

BOUQUET

Blackberry, jasmine and cedar wood.

PALATE

The palate displays elegant ripe red fruits, with subtle baking spices and juicy acidity. The wine has a long finish with well-structured, fine tannins that will benefit from careful cellaring.

CELLARING

Drink now or suitable for cellaring up to 10 years

VINTAGE 2019

Picking date: Hand picked March-April 2019

Growing conditions: A settled and early summer resulted in an exceptional fruit set and clean growing conditions throughout the vineyard. This was followed with a persistent period of near drought conditions from mid-summer to autumn. Temperatures were in the normal range, but rainfall was extremely low with the island experiencing only about a third of the year previous. These conditions allowed fruit to reach optimal ripeness. As a result, 2019 will be fondly remembered as a vintage that produced an abundance of high-quality wines.

VINIFICATION

Each of the grape varieties were picked at optimal ripeness and fermented separately in open top fermenters. During fermentation each batch was hand plunged twice daily. The parcels were pressed to tank, settled, then racked to barrel where the wines completed malolactic fermentation and aged for 10 months.

Oak treatment: 20% new French oak, 80% seasoned oak.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Bottled: March 2020, 417 Dozen

Alcohol: 14.5%

Residual sugar: 0.0 grams

Titrateable Acidity: 6.4 g/l

pH: 3.63

Winemaker: Michael Wood



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