



# STONYRIDGE LAROSE 2020

**Variety:** 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot,  
12.5% Petit Verdot, 6.3% Cabernet Franc,  
2.7% Malbec, 0.3% Carménère

## VINTAGE NOTES

After a dry and settled Spring/Summer, the 2020 harvest was well underway when it was announced that New Zealand would enter a level 4 lockdown in two day's time. With only six hours left to spare before lockdown, we received the news that would be able to continue the 2020 harvest, albeit under extremely strict protocols. Especially because we hand-harvest our fruit, these protocols added massively to the complexity and cost of the vintage.

Thankfully, it was sunny, settled, endless bluebird days that ultimately defined the 2020 vintage. Fruit condition was perfect, and we able to harvest fruit at the optimal time for each and every parcel. Tonnages were low, mainly due to tiny berry size, but the crop was balanced and open, receiving optimal exposure to the sun.

## TASTING NOTES

The resultant 2020 Larose is uber rich, concentrated, and deep, with fresh, pretty aromatics as a counterpoint to its power and intense extraction. This is a classic, great vintage Bordeaux blend, but in the modern and clean style, with incredible purity and complexity of flavour. Hand harvested. Aged 11 months in 70% new French oak barriques. Unfined and filtered before bottling. Vegan friendly.

## WINEMAKING

**Region:** Waiheke Island  
**Winemaker:** Martin Pickering  
**Alcohol:** 14.2%  
**Barrel Time:** 9 months  
**Production:** 21,500 bottles  
**Cellaring:** 20+ years  
18° C / 54° F | 60% Humidity

