



HANS HERZOG



HANS

FAMILY ESTATE



His name is on the bottle.
His story is in it.

Saperavi

Herzog, established in 1994, is an artisan family winery acclaimed throughout the world for growing handcrafted wines exclusively from their exceptional 'Grand Cru' organic vineyard. Its unique diverse terroir allows Hans to indulge his passion to grow many exciting grape varieties. His 'hands on' approach, immense vineyard work and almost uneconomically low yields set the bar for his outstanding range of stunning wines rich in varietal character. His winemaking is purely natural, nothing is added or extracted, letting the exceptional wines speak for themselves.

VINTAGE 2019

Another stunning growing season, confirming Marlborough as one of the world's best wine region, perfect for this ancient grape variety from Georgia. With our low crop philosophy and meticulously vineyard work, we handpicked this late ripening grape variety during a stunning 'Indian' summer, already on the 30 March with incredible purity at full physiological ripeness. The flesh of this dark-skinned grape is deep pink to produce wines that command attention and at our tiny yield level, devotion. At such concentration, Saperavi with its natural high level of fruit sugar, tannin and acidity turns in a seductive powerhouse like no other wine.

HANS' COMMENT

The pure fruit was destemmed, with 50% whole berries, allowing a long cold soak for a slow, soft extraction of colour and flavours from the grape skins. The must went naturally through a wild fermentation for a true expression of the grape variety and its terroir, as it is not influenced by added yeast or any other additions. In total, the must was left 20 days on the skins before being pressed and transferred into three new 225 litre French barriques, one from Swiss oak, for the natural malolactic fermentation. The young wine matured for 18 months in the same barrels making it a contender for a long life. Unfined (vegan) and unfiltered to retain the great flavours. Natural sediments may show. A natural wine built to last forever...

TASTING NOTES

This wine will bring the most critical wine lover to wine heaven. The gorgeous intense, inky colour metamorphoses into a savoury lusciousness. One of the tasting team called it a sexy Georgian in a glass. Deep, rich and packed with black fruit almost jumping out of the glass. Maturing in new barrels refined the powerful tannins to a classy elegance. Rich and complex, multi-layered with an staggering backbone of fruit, acidity and tannin, each sip giving you more and more pleasure. A dazzling wine experience for a wine to cherish. Tasted July 2022.

TECHNICAL DATA

Variety	100% Saperavi
Rootstock	RG
Planted	2011
Soil	Shallow (<45 cm). Well drained stony, gravelly and sandy soil. Developed from stony alluvium.
Plant density	6,000 vines/ha
Yield	2t/ha
Alcohol	14%
Residual Sugar	<1 g/l
Ageing Potential	20+ years
Small batch production	only 827 bottles hand-crafted

FOOD MATCHING SUGGESTIONS

Such a substantial wine loves a hearty meal like a roast, grilled meat... or feet up, sip and relax!

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