



# HANS HERZOG



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FAMILY ESTATE



## ‘SPIRIT OF MARLBOROUGH’

Established 1994. Herzog, an artisan family winery, acclaimed throughout the world for growing the finest handcrafted wines, exclusively from their exceptional organic estate vineyard. The 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 2012

The cool 2012 season resulted in an extended growing period but a very small yield. Both spring and summer were cooler than normal, disrupting flowering. However, a steady late summer and autumn, typical of Marlborough’s maritime climate, provided the necessary warmth for the grapes to achieve perfect physiological ripeness. We hand-picked a low yield of 400g per vine of extremely concentrated grapes with wonderful aromas, creating a very special wine meant for aging.

### HANS’ COMMENT

Perfectly healthy, destemmed grapes allowed for a long cold soak to extract superb flavours and beneficial antioxidants from the skins. As the temperature rose, the must naturally progressed through a long wild fermentation, truly expressing the terroir. After some time on post-maceration, the young wine was gently pressed and transferred into partly new French Barriques for a natural malolactic fermentation. Minimal oxygen exchange over 24 months of maturation in the same barrels allowed the wine and wood to marry, forming a richer, more complex, and textured wine, capable of aging for many years. To enjoy this stately flagship wine at its full potential, we bottle-aged this vintage for a decade. This wine is comparable to a “Grand Cru” Pomerol but without the high price tag. No fining. No filtration. Natural greatness.

### TASTING NOTES

A vintage matured over 10 years to offer wine lovers an exciting wine experience. The deep, dark colour already reveals the power of a stately wine. The incredibly sweet dark fruit engulfs with alluring black berry, damson and lots of spice. The palate is pure elegance and purity. Vibrant, juicy acidity and fine tannins are beautiful balanced. There is finesse, detail, precision and complexity, harmony and grace. A mouth-watering length and freshness promises a long age for this seductive, Bordeaux blend. Tasted Aug. 22.

### James Suckling 96/100, March 2023

What a beautiful aged red with plum, cedar and tobacco aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied with firm yet fine tannins and racy at the end. Linear and focused with lovely complexity and subtlety. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

### Real Review, Bob Campbell 94/100

### TECHNICAL DATA

Variety	40% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
Soil	Shallow (<45cm) a mixture of stony, gravelly and sandy soils. Well drained, developed from stony alluvium.
Planting density	5,500 vines/ha
Yield	1.5t/ha
Vines planted	1996
Alcohol	13.8%
Residual Sugar	<1 g/L
Ageing Potential	20+ years
Bottles Produced	1,320 only

### FOOD MATCHING SUGGESTIONS

Perfect with hearty dishes like a fine roast or grilled meat. However, this wine is a celebration in itself...

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