



SAORSA

2025 HILLSIDE GRENACHE

HAWKE'S BAY

VINEYARD- Located in the meandering hillsides above the Tuki Tuki River in Hawke's Bay sits a micro plot of beautiful Grenache. A gentle north facing slope bathed in all day sun high above the river. Tucked into the harsh soils of hard clay and bands of stoney red metal. Cooling river winds matched with intense heat of the valley provide a perfect situation for delicate, aromatic and juicy Grenache.

VINTAGE- 2025 is a season of generosity. Right from spring the vines burst with great strength and delivered great numbers of flowers. Flowering was quick and had relatively settled weather providing a great set on all of the bunches. Crops were high and bunches were full and large. The season was long and warm, a near perfect Hawke's Bay autumn that allowed us to ripen Grenache to its full potential. The wines from 2025 all show generosity and bright fruits coupled with plus and dense palate weight.

VINIFICATION- Hand harvested 12th April and transported to the winery where the fruit was de-stemmed and placed whole berry to tank with 25% whole bunch laid gently on the bottom of the tank. A short cold soak period led to fermentation with indigenous yeast. Cap management was gentle hand plunging. Fermentation and maceration lasted 3 weeks before being pressed. A short settling period before running the wine to neutral oak where malo-lactic fermentation started in the following spring. Aged in oak for 8 months on full solids with a single bâtonnage post Malo-lactic fermentation. Blended and naturally gravity settled in tank prior to bottling with no fining or filtration and only a small addition of sulphur. Bottled 28th January 2026.

Alcohol- 14.0%

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