



HANS HERZOG



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FAMILY ESTATE



Nebbiolo

98 points - James Suckling

Hans Herzog, established in 1994, is an artisan family winery renowned for handcrafted wines grown exclusively from its exceptional organic vineyard. The diversity of this unique site allows Hans to pursue a wide range of grape varieties, each shaped with meticulous care. His uncompromising vineyard work and deliberately low yields define a collection of wines of remarkable purity and varietal expression. Winemaking remains entirely non-interventional, nothing added, nothing taken away, allowing each wine to speak for itself.

VINTAGE 2019

Nebbiolo, the noble grape of Piemonte (Barolo, Barbaresco), is as demanding as it is rewarding, early budding, late ripening, and exacting in its site requirements. Since 1997, Hans has selected and propagated the strongest vines through massale selection, grafting onto established rootstocks to refine quality over time.

HANS' COMMENT

After an extended cold soak to gently extract colour and structure, the grapes underwent a natural fermentation over several weeks. A prolonged post-fermentation maceration refined the tannins, adding depth and complexity.

The wine matured for five years in a seasoned French puncheon, allowing tannin and acidity to harmonise without excessive oak influence. A further two years of bottle ageing in the cellar has brought the wine into balance and composure.

Unfined. Unfiltered. Purely natural.

TASTING NOTES

An arresting Nebbiolo, where lifted florals and delicate red fruit belie its depth and structure. Reminiscent of Piemonte, with notes of wild herbs, cherry, truffle and a touch of dried plum. Silky yet firmly structured, the palate is defined by fine tannins and vibrant acidity, creating precision and tension. The texture is seamless and composed, leading to a long, elegant finish. A regal wine, pure, balanced and built for extended ageing, yet already compelling in its youth.

TECHNICAL DATA

Variety	100% Nebbiolo
Rootstock	Riparia Gloire, 'selection massale' propagation, top grafted
Planted	1997
Soil	shallow (<45cm), free-draining stony alluvial soils of sand and gravel
Plant Density	5,500 plants/ha
Alcohol	14%
Ageing Potential	15+ years
Bottled	650

FOOD MATCHING SUGGESTIONS

A natural partner to rich pasta dishes, beef and game.

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