



## SYRAH 2025

### AWARDS

90 Points (4.5 Stars) - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, January 2026

*"Youthful and fragrant, the wine shows sweet plum, wild strawberry, subtle spice, and floral aromas on the nose. It's succulent and supple in the mouth with a silky flow and fine-grained tannins, making it harmonious and smooth with a lengthy, juicy finish."*

*Sam Kim, Wine Orbit*

### TASTING NOTE

Ripe and juicy mid-weight berries dominate on the nose and palate with layers of fresh dark plums, blackberry and boysenberry characters. The palate is gentle and fruity with lingering velvety tannin leaving a lasting impression.

### WINEMAKERS NOTE

The grapes were harvested at the peak of ripeness in early April and quickly transported to the winery. Grapes were then de-stemmed and inoculated with yeast for fermentation on skins. Fermentation continued for two weeks with the ferment being plunged twice daily throughout this period. Following fermentation, the young wine was transferred to a mixture of new, one and two-year-old French barriques where it stayed for six months while undergoing malolactic fermentation and barrel maturation. The Syrah was racked from barrel, blended and stabilised in October 2025.

### THE VINEYARD

Our Brightwater vineyard lies about 15km from the coast and is nestled under the Richmond Ranges on the southern end of the Waimea Plains. The soil is a combination of rocks and river boulders, which is hard on farm equipment but vital for holding the warmth of Nelson's sun and ripening grapes. Low nutrient and water levels in the vineyard help to restrict plant vigour, producing fruit with lively, concentrated flavour. To further enhance aromatics, we remove leaves to allow light penetration and air movement around the fruiting zone.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Vineyard: Seifried Brightwater vineyard

Date of Harvest: Early April 2025

pH of Wine: 3.75

T.A of Wine: 6.0/L

Alcohol: 13%

Suitable for Vegetarian and Vegans: Yes

### FOOD MATCH

Enjoy with smoky duck breast and beetroot puree, or a smoky bean casserole.

