



## 2013 SV HAWKES BAY SYRAH 'CHALK RIDGE'

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: SW749BEBED2A

### Winemakers Notes

This wine is based on our Chalk Ridge block, just to the south of Havelock North. It is a steep, north facing amphitheatre that is strewn with fossilised limestone. A dash of Viognier from the same block (0.89%) was co-fermented with the Syrah to add fragrance and to help fix the colour. A small amount of Gimblett Gravels Syrah was also included to add more complexity. The wine spent around 12 months in new and seasoned French oak before assemblage and bottling on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

### Analysis

**Alc** 14%      **Acid** 6.5g/L      **Res Sugar** 3g/L      **pH** 3.53

### Tasting Notes

**Colour:** A beautiful deep purple/red, with a dense, dark core and bright, flashing purple rim.

**Bouquet:** The essence of Hawkes Bay Syrah: masses of black fruits, a touch of pepper, some meatiness and lovely, savoury oak.

**Palate:** A beautifully structured wine. Medium to full bodied with silken tannins and great length. The fruit in the mid palate lasts and lasts.

### Cellaring

Already approachable, but we expect this wine to cellar well for a number of years.

### Food Matches

The soft tannins, ripe fruit flavours, black pepper and spice make this wine a great accompaniment to many meat dishes such as lamb, venison, beef and game. The bolder and more complex style means that it will stand up to richer flavours and accompaniments.

### Suggested wine list description

A rich and full-bodied wine full of dark fruit flavours with lashings of pepper and a long savoury finish.

### Independent Reviewer's Comments

"Rich damson and fresh straw aromas. Meaty, rich palate with a plump core of crunchy black fruit, vibrant pepper and violets and a rich summer fruit compote. Well made with a generous finish." Decanter Magazine

### Awards

**GOLD MEDAL – NZ International Wine Show, Sept 2015**

**5 Stars/94 Points – Wine Orbit June 2015**

**Highly Recommended, 90+ - Decanter NZ Syrah Tasting, Nov 2015**

**4 Stars/Best Buy – Cuisine, July 2015**

**4 Stars – Winestate Magazine, Nov/Dec 2015**