



2013 SV HUAPAI MONTEPULCIANO
'GUIDO IN VELVET PANTS'

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: SWD8476ECFA8

Winemakers Notes

What's in a name? Prior to the French Revolution, the Vigne de l'Enfant Jesus vineyard, in the Beaune-Greves appellation, belonged to an order of Carmelite nuns especially devoted to the Infant Jesus. Legend has it that the nuns were so enamoured of the wine's silky texture that they exclaimed, "It slips down the throat as easily as the Infant Jesus in velvet pants." Well, Montepulciano is a wonderfully silky Italian variety, so it made sense to name it after our resident Italian Greyhound, Guido. Hence, our 2013 Huapai Montepulciano slips down the throat as easily as Guido in velvet pants! Harvested on 24/4/13 and sent to barrel on 9/5/13, then wine stayed in oak until 9/10/14. It had two rackings within that time and was bottled on 20/10/14.

Analysis

Alc 13.5% **Acid** 5.1g/L **Res Sugar** 2.4g/L **pH** 3.51

Tasting Notes

Colour: Montepulciano always has great colour. A saturated black core runs to a deep purple rim.
Bouquet: Typical Montepulciano, with masses of wild black fruits coupled with delightfully savoury hints and a dash of new oak.
Palate: At bottling this wine was full of youthful vitality. Soft, velvety tannins balanced by loads of juicy black fruit in the mid palate.

Cellaring

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

Food Matches

Rounded tannins and ripe berry flavours make this wine a great accompaniment to many meat dishes such as lamb, venison, beef and game. Many rich sauces go well with this wine, as will roast garlic and vegetables. Understandably, the wine is also superb with pasta!

Independent Reviewer's Comment

"Lively, medium-bodied, buoyantly fruity red, estate-grown in west Auckland, with fresh, ripe, berryish, slightly spicy flavours, gentle tannins and good concentration."

Awards

Four Stars – Winestate Magazine May 2015