



HOPESGROVE  
HAWKES BAY  
New Zealand



## SYRAH 2015

CLONE: Heritage / MS

PLANTED: 2006

ROOTSTOCKS: 3309

SOILS: Sandy clay loam on limestone substrate.  
Hillside site with 15% north facing slope.

DENSITY: 5208/Ha, 1.2 X 1.6 spacing

PRUNING: 2 cane, VSP

YIELD: ~5 t/Ha

HARVEST DATE: 12 April, 2015

### HARVEST COMPOSITION:

Brix: 24.2

pH: 3.26

T.A.: 7.72 g/L

### WINE COMPOSITION:

Titratable Acidity: 5.7 g/L

Residual Sugar: <0.2 g/L

Alcohol: 13.5%

### WINEMAKING:

Hand picked and 90% destemmed. Cold Soaked for ~5 days until natural fermentation. Hand plunged 2-3 times a day. After fermentation, the wine was left on skins for extended maceration of 12 days, until the tannin development seemed optimal.

### MATURATION:

20 months in 20% new oak, with the balance in 1-2 year old barrels.

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

An elegant, fine-grained Syrah with complex spicy fruit and toasted oak flavours. The nose leaps out of the glass with marvelous lifted floral, wild herb & bramble notes. Very fine tannins support the integrated core and provide soft textures and a smooth, flowing mouthfeel.

Drink now, or within seven to nine years.

### RAYMOND CHAN \*\*\*\*\* 18+/20

Full, very dark, deep, black-hued ruby-red colour with youthful purple hues, lighter edged. The nose is fresh and bright with ripe aromatic blackberry fruit melded with black pepper, lifted spices, black earth and black-red floral notes. The nose has density and intensity, still youthfully fresh, primary and vibrant in expression. Medium-full bodied, the palate features a rich, concentrated core of sweetly ripe and lush blackberry fruit flavours entwined with black pepper, Asian spices, subtle earthy elements and dark-red and violet florals. The fruit is supported by grainy tannin extraction and structure that lends a textural line. This has good power and drive, the acidity integrated, and the wine showing good linearity, carrying through to a long, black-fruited, firm-textured finish. This is a concentrated, ripe, black-fruited Syrah with plenty of grainy extraction and structure.

### SAM KIM \*\*\*\*\* 94 PTS

A youthful charmer, the wonderfully fragrant bouquet shows dark plum, blueberry and floral aromas with hints of cedar and white pepper notes. The palate is beautifully ripe and rounded with lovely fruit purity backed by supple mouthfeel and silky tannins. The wine offers plenty of appealing flavours, finishing long and attractive.

