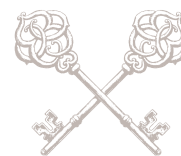


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ÉCLUSE

RESERVE 2017



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WINEMAKING

Fermented in stainless steel open-top fermenters with indigenous and selected yeasts. Punched down and air-pulsed up to four times per day, followed by an extended maceration. Gently basket pressed and transferred into mostly new French oak for twelve months maturation. Three rackings during élevage. No fining.

HARVEST REPORT

Region: Waiheke Island
Grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec
Harvest: 100% hand harvest
Dates: 8th-16th April 2017
Brix: 23.6
Production: 35hl/ha. Single vineyard

VINTAGE REPORT

An early spring with warmer than average temperatures brought us a very even bud burst and good fruit set. A series of northerly storms brought above average rainfall and high humidity, creating plenty of challenges in the vineyards, however the overall heat summation was well above our yearly average providing ripe and concentrated fruit.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Alcohol:	Residual Sugar:	pH:	TA:
13.5%	<1g/l	3.61	6.6g/l

TASTING NOTES

Lifted, bright aromatics with notes of violets, black fruits, oak and spices. The Écluse gives a sense of coolness that flows through the palate, expressing a purity of fruit and firm structure, with balanced acidity and fine tannins. The 2017 Écluse is supremely elegant with a complex bouquet. This textural wine promises to unlock its deeper secrets as it slowly evolves.

Cellaring Potential: Long term (10+ years)

FOOD PAIRINGS

Barbecue smoked brisket, baba ghanoush with grilled pita bread, dry-aged beef with port wine and mushrooms, Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

ORIGIN OF THE NAME

A Tantalus is a small wooden cabinet that contains two or three decanters of precious wine, for which there is a lock and key. The Tantalus prevents unauthorised people from opening the cabinet and drinking its contents, while allowing the bottles' beauty to be on display. With a key to our Tantalus wines, one obtains access to the secrets of the treasures held within. All our reserve wines have names referring to the origins of Tantalus. An 'écluse' allows boats to pass through bodies of water at differing levels. Unlock our Écluse and let your glass take you on the most amazing journey.

