TANTALUS ESTATE VOILÉ 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:	Syrah & Viognier
Harvest:	100% hand harvest
Dates:	11th - 21st April 2017
Brix:	23.8
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	3.57	6.8g/l

TASTING NOTES

The Voile is a deeply textural wine, melding aromatic baking spices with rose petal, dried herbs, and black pepper to compliment its red berry base. Maturation in tight-grained French oak barriques adds a torrefied note, bringing out the Voilé's darker side. With juicy, firm tannins, a natural freshness, and a complex finish, this Syrah-Viognier blend is an approachable wine in its youth, and will evolve and gain further elegance with time spent in bottle.

Cellaring Potential: Long term (10+ years)

FOOD PAIRINGS

Bucatini all'Amatriciana, vegetable tajine, seared balsamic duck breast, aged cheddar and asiago cheeses.

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. To be 'voilé' is to be veiled in a thin piece of material, effectively becoming hidden from view. Unveil our Voilé and it will reveal a moment as unique and memorable as a happy wedding day.

