

# TANTALUS VOILÉ RESERVE 2015



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## WINEMAKING

Fermented in stainless steel open-top fermenters, with indigenous and selected yeasts. Extended maceration for extraction. Punched down up to 4 times per day. Gentle basket pressing and transferred into mostly new French oak for 12 months maturation. 4 rackings during élevage. No fining.

## VINEYARDS & HARVEST DATES

**Region:** Waiheke Island  
**Grapes:** Syrah (98%) Viognier (2%)  
**Harvest:** 100% hand harvest  
**Dates:** 11th April to 23rd April 2015  
**Brix:** 23.5-24.8  
**Production:** 35hl/ha. Single vineyard

## VINTAGE REPORT

A wet winter gave way to a calm, dry spring resulting in great fruit-set. The year started cool, but by December were well above average. January was one of the hottest and driest on record with 25 days above 30C. February was cooler, but remained warm and dry delivering. Overall conditions were ideal for the production of small and highly concentrated berries capable of producing powerful and full bodied red-wines.

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	<b>pH:</b>	<b>TA:</b>
14%	<1g/l	3.5	6.4g/l

## TASTING NOTES

Elegance, a blend of balanced fruit displaying dried herbs, lifted florals and earth-like characters. Pronounced intensity with summer aromatics and spices that elevate the richness of this super ripe Syrah. The Voilé has been made for long term cellaring.

**Cellaring Potential:** Long term (10+ years)

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Beef Wellington, Duck breast in pepper sauce, Roasted quail with barley stuffing, Beef Bourguignon, Civet of Hare

## 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, and takes its name from the unsatisfied temptations of an ancient character of Greek mythology. 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 have used a thin piece of material to cover yourself, effectively becoming hidden from view. Unveil our "Voilé" and it will reveal a moment as unique and memorable as a happy wedding day.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

89 points - Robert Parkers Wine Advocate  
95 points - Cameron Douglas MS  
Bronze Medal - London IWC  
4.5 star - Michael Cooper 2018  
Silver 93 points - Decanter Asia wine awards  
5 stars (18.5+/20) - Raymond Chan  
93 points - Bob Campbell



## AWARDS & ACCOLADES CONT.

*The 2015 Voile Reserve smells of cedar and vanilla more than anything else, but on the palate, the mulberry and cracked pepper flavors come through, giving this lively Syrah something more to hang its hat on. It's medium to full-bodied, with sturdy tannins accentuated by crisp acids on the long finish. I'd opt for serving it on the young side, along with rare beef or lamb.*

- **Joe Czerwinski (1st Mar 2018)**

*Concentrated, spicy, toasty and fruity. Packed with the aromas of dark cherry, black currant, black berry and wood spice. Dry, full-bodied and quite powerful on the palate with flavours of pepper laced blackberry fruits, baked cherry, clove and vanilla wood flavours. No mistaking the tannins and acid line - both bold yet needed to off-set the core of fruit and overall power. Youthful overall and will age well given the chance. Best from 2020 through 2030.*

- **Cameron Douglas (13th May 2018)**

*Minty, ripe vibrant fruit with good acidity, hints of leather and savoury finish.*

- **London IWC (May 2018)**

*The deeply coloured, powerful 2015 vintage (4.5\*) is a very ageworthy Syrah. Estate-grown at Onetangi and matured for a year in French oak barriques, it is fragrant, with concentrated, ripe blackcurrant, plum, spice and nut flavours - less overtly peppery than southern styles - and a well-structured, harmonious finish. Best drinking 2021+.*

- **Michael Cooper (Sept 2018)**

*A Northern Rhone style with perfumed violets, dark plums and smoke with fine grained tannins and a long, liquorice finish.*

- **Decanter Asia Wine Awards (Sept 2018)**

*Very full, even, dark ruby-red colour, a little lighter on the edge. The nose is elegant in proportion with full and stylish aromas of ripe blackberry fruit along with boysenberries and plums, with subtle notes of Asian spices and liquorice, unfolding black pepper and some violet perfumes. Medium-full bodied, the palate has rich flavours of ripe blackberries with notes of boysenberries, plums and liquorice, revealing earth, spices and black pepper. The flavours provide good weight and presence. The fruit is supported by sine-grained tannin structure with fresh, balanced acidity, and the wine carries to a lingering finish. This is a stylish and elegant Syrah with rich fruit flavours of ripe blackberries, boysenberries and plums with spices, earth and pepper on the palate with presence. Match with roast lamb and Middle Eastern cuisine over the next 7-9 years. 98% Syrah with 2% Viognier, fermented with 2% whole bunches to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 12 months in 60% new French oak barriques. 18.5/20 Sep 2018 RRP \$80.00*

- **Raymond Chan (Sept 2018)**

*Quite a dense, almost syrupy syrah with dark berry, black berry, cocoa, liquorice, spice, dried fruits and prune characters. Rich, warming Christmas cake-like wine that offers good drinking now but no rush 14/3/2019.*

- **Bob Campbell**