

TANTALUS VOILÉ RESERVE 2016



TANTALUS ESTATE

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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. Air pulses. Gentle basket pressing and transferred into mostly new French oak for 12 months maturation. 4 rackings during élevage. No fining.

HARVEST REPORT

Region: Waiheke Island
Grapes: Syrah, Viognier
Harvest: 100% hand harvest
Brix: 22.5-24
Production: 35hl/ha. Single vineyard

VINTAGE REPORT

A dry winter made pruning enjoyable and as such we were finished in record time. Late August brought with it a wet spell which replenished ground moisture prior to the season. Budburst was nearly 2 weeks ahead of normal. A settled spring brought with it a good fruit set, the odd Southwesterly kept the crop loads in check. Dry warm weather through to mid January set us up with some very healthy fruit. The season did a bit of an about face in February and turned wetter and cooler than we are used to. The majority of the work had already been done as we guided the crop to harvest by strategically hanging out individual parcels to gain optimum ripeness. The resultant wines are rich and plush with great presence and length.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Alcohol:	Residual Sugar:	pH:	TA:
14%	<1g/l	3.55	6.9g/l

TASTING NOTES

A vibrant nose boasting black fruit aromas, spicy notes of black pepper, clove and liquorice, overlaid with scented violets. Fresh with an earthy blueberry core and very ripe tannins this wine has great structure and a fine textured palate. Lingering and sustained finish with nuances of olive, tobacco, smoke and chocolate.

Cellaring Potential: 2019-2026

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.

