

Craggy Range Le Sol Syrah 2013

The Story

Craggy Range is a family owned winery established in 1997, and situated in the shadow of the spectacular Te Mata Peak in the premium wine growing area of Hawke's Bay New Zealand. Craggy Range produces a collection of iconic wines from grapes grown on exceptional estates in Hawke's Bay, Martinborough, and Marlborough, with an unrelenting focus on quality. From the stony, warm soils of the Gimblett Gravels in Hawke's Bay to the volcanic, clay soils of Te Muna Road in Martinborough, these exceptional vineyards produce wines with amazing aromatics, purity and complexity. The reputation of Craggy Range's portfolio is synonymous with quality and attention to detail, with the winery receiving a number of internationally recognized awards. Bob Campbell MW named Craggy Range his New Zealand Winery of the Year 2017, and the winery is the only New Zealand producer to feature in the US Wine & Spirits magazine top 100 wineries. Craggy Range Aroha and Le Sol also feature in the New Zealand Fine Wine Classification.

The Vineyard

The Gimblett Gravels Winegrowing District resulted from a flood in 1876 when the Ngaruroro River changed its course and a vista of gravel was left behind. The area is a place of warmth, stone and sandy alluvial soils. This unique combination alongside other climatic factors such as sunshine hours, humidity and rainfall means the gravels retain heat and lead to optimum ripening for Syrah, Merlot and Cabernet. The stylistic characters of red wines from the vineyard are richness, ripeness and elegance with a distinctive fine dusty tannin finish. Chardonnay is also grown on the vineyard with distinctive floral notes and pronounced minerality on the palate.

Vintage 2013

2013, the "vintage of a generation", was a highly touted vintage, with a number of producers declaring it as "the best ever".

Winemaking

100% MS clone Syrah from 'Block 14' of the 'Gimblett Gravels' vineyard, fully destemmed and partially indigenous yeast fermented to 13.1% alc., the wine aged 18 months in 32% new French oak barriques.



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Tasting Note

Raymond Chan:

"Very dark, black-purple red colour, near impenetrable, very youthful in appearance. The nose is very elegant and refined, but tightly concentrated with intense aromas of black berried fruits, with hints of blue fruits intermixed with black pepper, iron-earth minerals and Asian spices. Black and violet florals lift the aromatics. This has finesse and restraint, and stylish intensity to the aromatics. Medium-full bodied, the palate is immediately elegant in proportion with a sense of slender lines. The flavours of black berried fruit is, black plums and liquorice show complexing mineral and tar detail, along florals, spices and pepper. Savoury game nuances emerge with aeration. The depth and penetration is a feature. The wine follows a very flowery tannin line, the extraction significant, but refined. The acidity is perfectly integrated, and the palate has tension and drive that carries the flavors to a very long, rich and elegant finish. This is the most beautifully refined 'Le Sol' to date. It has elegance and finesse, with intense black fruits, minerals, florals, earth and spices. Match with slow cooked game meat over 10-15 years. "

Alcohol Percentage	13%
Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	
Aging Potential	10 - 15 years



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