

## Paritua 2112 Cabernet Blend 2013

### The story

Paritua is an impressive property, with a state-of-the-art winery and a sizeable 54 hectares of vineyards surrounding it, based in the Bridge Pa district of Hawke's Bay. The vineyard was planted in 2003 and 2004 by the original owners, Brianne and Gary Fisher.

### The Vineyard

The vineyards are currently in conversion to organics. The soils are the typical redmetal gravels, which contain large amounts of iron and manganese.

Winemaker Jason Stent has been here for 10 years; prior to this he was red winemaker at Sacred Hill.

Sub blocks are selected at our Maraekakaho vineyard to grow low yielding crops. Management for our high tier wines starts with pruning. The vines are manicured from then onwards, with crop thinning to one bunch per cane and a manual leaf-pluck pre veraison. The canopy is kept open to provide for airflow and sun exposure. At optimum ripeness we hand harvest selected rows

### Winemaking

Whole bunches are de-stemmed and the berries are then sorted using our optical grape sorter, then crushed to a closed fermenter. After a period of cold soak we inoculate with preferred yeast. Temperatures are then managed to reach about 30°C. Once the ferment is dry the wine is tasted to evaluate maceration time, and finally basket pressed to barrel. Malo-lactic conversion takes place in barrel in temperature controlled rooms. We aim for about 50% new French oak barriques. Elevage in barrel can take up to 20 months. Final barrel selection and blending takes place about 8 weeks before bottling. The wine is bottled after a light egg white fining and filtration.

### Tasting Note

Jamie Goode:

"Great concentration of ripe, sleek fruit on the palate with smooth blackcurrant fruit and some gravelly, chalky structure. Polished and sophisticated, this has some hints of olive and brine savouriness. Impressive effort."



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Raymond Chan:

"Impenetrable black-red colour with purple hues, youthful in appearance. The nose is rich with near opulently ripe, firm and deeply concentrated aromas of blackberry and blackcurrant fruit with black plums and spicy, pencil oak. This has density with finesse and youthful vitality. Full-bodied, the palate possesses very rich and vibrant, lusciously ripe fruit flavours of blackberries entwined with soft notes of blackcurrants and black plums with nuances of cassis liqueur. The fruit is vigorous and near robust, and enlivened by fresh acidity, and supported by considerable fine-grained tannin extraction and structure. This has great drive and power with some alcohol warmth just noticeable. The palate has textural balance, the fruit prevailing, carrying with great energy to a rich, long, sustained finish of sweetly ripe black fruits and exotic oak. This is a rich, ripe, fulsome and vigorous Cabernet Sauvignon blend with sweet black fruit of a fully structured palate with underlying power, that retains a degree of finesse."

<b>Alcohol Percentage</b>	<b>15 %</b>
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	<b>Dry</b>
<b>T.A.</b>	
<b>Aging Potential</b>	<b>15+ years</b>
<b>Varieties</b>	<b>60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 10 Cabernet Franc</b>



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