

## Craggy Range Le Sol Syrah 2010

### 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 recognised 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.

### Winemaking

100% Syrah picked from the 'Gimblett Gravels' vineyard, then fermented to 13.7% alc., the wine had been aged for 17 months in 38% new French oak barriques.

### Tasting Note

This 100% Gimblett Gravels 2010 Syrah exhibits lifted white Pepper notes on the nose, with interesting earthy tones of mushroom and star anise. Rich and full mouthfeel. Powdery, integrated tannins still firmly supporting a generous peppery spice up front with stewed fruit flavours developing mid palate. Lovely, silky finish with strong evidence of desirable tertiary development taking place in bottle. Ready for some hearty slow cooked beef cheeks!

Alcohol Percentage	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	
Aging Potential	10 -15 years



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