

Craggy Range Le Sol Syrah 2015

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.

Winemaking

100% MS clone Syrah from 'Block 14' of the 'Gimblett Gravels' vineyard, fully destemmed and partially indigenous yeast fermented to 13.5% alc., the wine aged 18 months in 32% new French oak barriques.



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Tasting Note

An impenetrable, teeth-staining purple, the 2015 Le Sol is calling out for a cozy sweater and a fireplace. Intense woody aromas of cedar, pine needles, blackberry jam, medicinal herbs and smoky undertones lead into a palate that's herbal, juicy-fruited and framed by powerful, chewy tannins. The oak is on show at the moment but will settle with time. Drink now–2030.

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



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