

Stonyridge Larose 2012

The Story

Stonyridge is a world-renowned Cabernet-blend winegrower, located on the beautiful island of Waiheke, near Auckland, New Zealand. They are dedicated to producing the finest Cabernet blends in the world (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot, combining traditional winemaking with meticulous organic viticulture.

Stonyridge is located in a gently north-facing valley, 1 km from both Onetangi Beach to the north and Putiki Bay to the south. It is sheltered from the cold southwesterly winds by Stonyridge, a long ridge running from one coast to the other. Their viticulture is meticulous, with at least 5 full-time staff working in their 6-hectare vineyard throughout the year. They select the finest clones and graft them onto the best low-vigour rootstocks they can find.

The Stonyridge flagship wine 'Larose', is one of the top Bordeaux-style reds in the world, 'Pilgrim' a Rhone-style red is New Zealand's first Rhone Ranger wine and "Luna Negra" their "Black Moon" a straight Malbec from vines cropped low on a steep northeast-facing slope. Their other range "Fallen Angel" is made up of wines from the Marlborough, Hawke's Bay and Central Otago regions. Apart from the five Bordeaux grapes, they are also doing trials with many other grape varieties.

Vintage 2012

2012 was a very long ripening season. We started later and finished later than ever before in the history of winemaking at Stonyridge. This gave the fruit good hang-time to develop maximum flavour potential. Extensive vendange verte (green harvest), especially on our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, post fruit set gave us great concentration and dry extract in the resulting wine. During the harvest period, the weather was ideal, allowing us to pick fruit at optimal ripeness and balance.

Tasting Note

On release: The 2012 Larose shows great intensity and purity. Dark, wild, brambly berry fruit with freshly ground cinnamon and cardamon underpinned with cedar, pencil shavings and vanilla from the 55% new oak component make for a complex and intriguing nose. On the palate, 2012 Larose at this tender age is taut and firm with wonderful length, an underlying generosity of sweet fruit promises excellent cellaring potential. This wine matches well with steak and other red meats.



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Alcohol Percentage	13.5 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
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Aging Potential	20 + years
Varieties	Cabernet Sauvignon 35%, Merlot 21%, Malbec 21%, Petit Verdot 16%, Cabernet Franc 6%, Carménère1%



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