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HAWKE'S BAY, NEW ZEALAND

Milestone Series

MILESTONE SERIES HAWKES BAY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013

For over 20 years, Crossroads has represented the very best of small parcel winemaking.

The Crossroads Milestone Series celebrates our dedication from the vineyard to the winery – creating benchmark wines from New Zealand.

Winemaking: Miles Dinneen

Viticulture: Bryon Strachan

Harvested: 13th March – 1st May 2013

Vineyard: Kereru Road

Oak: 12% fermented in older French barriques

Alc/vol: 12.5%

RS: 2.25g/l

pH: 3.24

TA: 6.68g/l

VITICULTURE

Harvested from our Kereru Road vineyard on the banks of the Ngaruroro river in the Mangatahi district. Kereru Rd has free draining soils, low rainfall, warm days and cool nights which make it perfect for producing small bunches of flavoursome grapes. The majority of this wine came from terrace four which is warm and stony with a healthy portion of large "Mangatahi Swede" stones in the subsoil.

2013 was a dry temperate season and our Sauvignon Blanc grapes ripened in mid-March with excellent flavours and balance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The grapes were machine harvested and taken directly to the winery for pressing. Individual batches were fermented separately in stainless steel tanks at cool temperatures with a variety of yeast strains to enhance the fresh fruit aromas. A small portion (12%) was fermented at ambient temperatures in older barriques to give added texture and some intriguing funky characters. The young wines spent the winter on light lees to further enrich the palate weight and texture. After blending and stabilising the wine was bottled after a light filtration.

A crisp style with lemon, lime, grapefruit and passionfruit notes complemented with smoke and subtle lees characters. The palate is juicy and textural with lingering fresh fruit to finish.

WINE AND FOOD

This wine is delicious as an aperitif, with chilled melons, asparagus and lamb, oysters, sole in lemon juice, fish and chips.

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