



**CROSSROADS**  
HAWKE'S BAY, NEW ZEALAND

## TALISMAN 2012

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

Our signature wine, Talisman, is a secret blend known only to our winemaker, a unique embodiment of the most exceptional wine each vintage has to offer.

**Harvested:** April 2012

**Vineyard:** 100% Hawke's Bay

**TA:** 6.0g/l

**Alc/vol:** 12.5%

**RS:** <2g/l

**pH:** 3.72

### VITICULTURE / WINEMAKING

For Talisman, we have identified the best areas within our company vineyards in the Fernhill, Twyford and Mangatahi sub regions of Hawke's Bay. The vines on these areas are low in vigour, low in yield, and consistently give superior fruit. The vines are thinned to one bunch per shoot soon after flowering and the fruit zone fully leaf plucked. The 2012 season was cooler than average with naturally lower yields. We ensured that our canopy and crop management was carried out early to maximise the ripening potential of the vintage. We were thus able to hang out our grapes longer to achieve good ripeness.

### WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

The fruit was harvested when fully mature according to differences in variety, clonal material, and vine vigour. The grapes were de-stemmed to small open top and closed fermenters. Traditional warm fermentation with temperatures peaking at 35C. Cap management techniques included hand plunging, and pump overs, depending on the variety and vessel. After primary fermentation the wines were macerated on skins for optimum tannin integration. The wines were then pressed off, settled, and run to mainly new barriques where malolactic fermentation occurred. After racking the wines were matured in barrel for the next few months with regular topping. The blend was progressively assembled throughout the winemaking process to ensure optimum integration. Light filtration for clarity was all the wine needed before bottling.

### WINE AND FOOD

Talisman is a rich complex wine with aromas of cherry, blueberry, blackberry and blackcurrant on the nose. The palate is dense with plummy fruit and toasty oak and the finish is long and fine.

Excellent match with beef steak, venison casserole or rabbit.

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