



CROSSROADS
HAWKE'S BAY, NEW ZEALAND

Milestone Series

MILESTONE SERIES HAWKE'S BAY GEWÜRZTRAMINER 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: 17th March – 27th March 2013

Vineyard: Fernhill

Oak: N/A

Alc/vol: 13.5%

RS: 8.62g/l

pH: 3.7

TA: 4.43g/l

VITICULTURE

2013 was a dry, temperate vintage in Hawke's Bay, ideal for ripening grapes. The fruit for this Gewürztraminer is off our home vineyard at Fernhill which has alluvial silt over gravel soils. This vineyard has been a proven performer with Gewürztraminer consistently producing ripe and distinctive fruit.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The fruit was gently harvested at two different stages to capture a full range of flavours and immediately pressed off. Individual batches were fermented separately at different temperatures, with a variety of yeast strains to enhance the complexities of aroma, texture and flavour. Fermentation was stopped by chilling, to achieve a refreshing flavour balance with a touch of residual sweetness. The young wines spent the winter on lees to further enrich the palate weight and texture. After blending and stabilising the wine was bottled to capture the fresh fruit aromatics.

WINE AND FOOD

A refined style with exuberant aromas of lychee, lemon, ginger and roses. On the palate the wine is full flavoured with a smooth texture and a delicious fresh spicy finish.

Delicious as an aperitif, with chilled peaches and apricots. Duck with orange and ginger sauce. Thai green curry. Mainland tasty cheese. Can cellar for up to 10 years.



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