

# PURIRI HILLS

## WINE OF NEW ZEALAND

ESTABLISHED IN 1996, PURIRI HILLS IS A FAMILY-OWNED VINEYARD IN CLEVEDON, PRODUCING ESTATE GROWN AND BOTTLED WINES ORIGINALLY INSPIRED BY THE GREAT BORDEAUX BLENDS OF ST EMILION AND POMEROL

## 2019 HARMONIE DU SOIR

Puriri Hills Harmonie Du Soir (previously Reserve) is a designated Regional Super Classic that builds its reputation on being elegant, delicious, and consistently age worthy.

### VINTAGE

2019 provided excellent growing conditions, the vintage was characterised by warm temperatures and limited rainfall. Early summer was wet, though conditions dried out post veraison and remained warm and dry through harvest. Yield for the vintage was up with ~16 tones picked.

### BLEND

45% Merlot

42% Cabernet Franc

7% Carmenère

6% Malbec

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel-aged in ~50% new French oak for ~21 months

Production less than 5050 bottles

Alcohol Content 12.8%

Contains Sulphites

Bottled under 49mm cork.

Winemakers and Owners: Judy Fowler and Phil Nunweek

Consulting Winemaker: Evert Nijzink



# TASTING NOTES AND REVIEWS

**Bob Campbell**

**James Suckling**

95/100: A rich and flavorful wine that shows hints of wood in the nose and palate as well as a solid core of fruit with currants, cedar and wet earth. Bright and vivid. Medium-firm tannins that are polished and persistent. Flavorful finish. A blend of merlot, cabernet franc, carmenere and malbec. Give this a year or two to come together more. Drink or hold. November 2023

**Michael Cooper**

This regional classic is a reserve version of the Estate label. Estate-grown at Clevedon, in South Auckland, it is blended from varying proportions of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Carménère, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec, and typically matured for two years in French oak barriques (65 per cent new in 2019). The deeply coloured 2019 vintage (5\*) is a blend of Merlot (45 per cent), Cabernet Franc (42 per cent), Carménère (7 per cent) and Malbec (6 per cent). A classy, mouthfilling red, it has very rich, ripe blackcurrant, red berry and spice flavours, nutty and leathery notes adding complexity, supple tannins and a very harmonious finish. Already delicious, it's a drink now or cellaring proposition. August 2023

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