

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

2015 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. Puriri Hills wines are released five to eight years after vintage to ensure that newly launched wines are ready to drink upon release.

ORIGIN

Harmonie du Soir (“Evening Harmony”) refers to Baudelaire’s description of the exotic and magical mingling of fragrances in a garden as day turns to night.

Classic varieties of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Carmenère, (a lost Bordeaux variety) Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec are grown in a single vineyard at Clevedon overlooking the Hauraki Gulf in Southeast Auckland. They are blended to create an outstandingly complex and elegant wine.

VINTAGE

2015 was an ideal vintage with generous fruit and excellent conditions. We had rain though flowering and again during picking in April to challenge us. The canopy and fruit are manicured by hand throughout the season. We are dry land farmers and embrace the practices of natural farming, managing our vineyard with organic or biodynamic soil additions and manual canopy and understory work.

We handpicked parcels at the peak of ripeness between 7-19 April. Total production for the vintage was 8.5 tonnes from 5.5 acres of vines. Yields were approximately 1kg per vine producing 33 hectolitres per hectare. Vine spacing is 1 x 2.5 metres. Vine age is 14 to 18 years

WINEMAKING

In the winery, bunches were 100% destemmed and 80% crushed into oak cuves or stainless steel open-top fermenters. Ferments were cold soaked for 4-5 days to allow wild yeast development, then inoculated with oenological yeasts. Total time on skins ranged from 3-4 weeks depending on the varietal and the character desired. Free run wines were put to barrel and marc was lightly basket pressed. All wine was barrel-aged in French oak, about 50% new, for ca. 22 months before final blending. The wine was not sterile-filtered. It was bottled under cork on the estate and aged in bottle for four further years before release. Drink now through 2032

TASTING NOTES AND REVIEWS

97 Points “Elegant and complex red with a mix of red fruits, floral, spice and subtle nutty oak together with a hint of fresh herbs. Finely-structured with peppery tannins. A supple wine that is successfully modelled after Right Bank Bordeaux. It will age well” **Bob Campbell ONZM MW**

Technical Notes:

- Winemakers and Owners: Judy Fowler and Phil Nunweek
- Consulting Winemaker: Evert Nijzink
- Less than 3700 bottles produced
- 78% Merlot, 12% Malbec, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc
- Alcohol Content: 13.5%