

# 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

## 2005 POPE

**Pope is Puriri Hills' exceptional vintage wine that was first produced in 2005. It is only produced in outstanding years and consistently ranks as New Zealand's top Bordeaux blend. Puriri Hills wines are released five to eight years after vintage to ensure that newly launched wines are ready to drink upon release.**

### ORIGIN

Named after employee Ivan Pope who was tireless in his efforts helping establish the winery. 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

2005 gave us virtually perfect growing conditions and Puriri Hills 2005 Pope is our first production of an "exceptional vintage" wine. Vine age is 4 to 8 years and 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 18 April and 6 May. Yields ranged from 0.9 - 2.0kg per vine with a total production for the vintage of 9 tonnes from 5.5 acres of vines.

### 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 1-4 days to allow wild yeast development, then inoculated with oenological yeasts. Total time on skins ranged from 2-4 weeks depending on the varietal and the character desired. Free run wines were put to barrel and marc was lightly basket pressed. Pressings were held separately in barrels. All wine was barrel-aged in French oak, about 60% new, for ca. 20 months before final blending. The wine was not fined or filtered. Drink now through 2020

### TASTING NOTES AND REVIEWS

5 Stars *"The very classy debut 2005 vintage ... has a dark colour and a brambly, slightly toasty bouquet. Youthful, with obvious potential, it is rich, ripe and highly concentrated, with hints of coffee and spices, and notable, complexity and density."*

**Michael Coopers 2008 Buyers Guide to NZ Wine**

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#### Technical Notes:

- Winemakers and Owner: Judy Fowler
- Consulting Winemaker: Evert Nijzink
- Less than 1600 bottles produced
- 47% Merlot, 33% Carmenère, 10% Cabernet franc, 10% Malbec.
- Alcohol Content: 13.5%.
- pH: 3.8
- Total acidity: 5.9 g/l