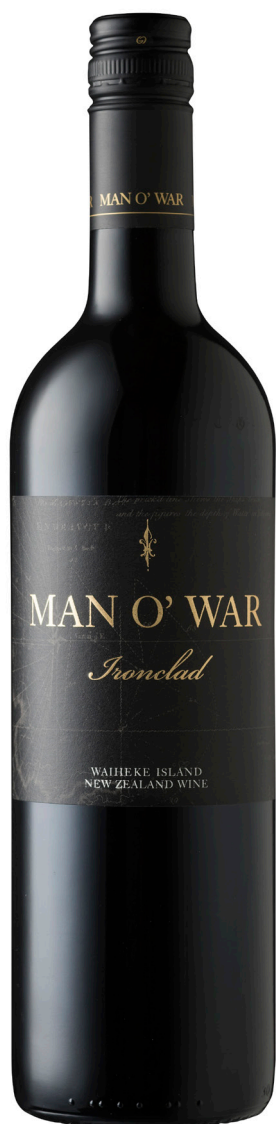




MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND WINE



IRONCLAD 2019

HARVEST DATE: 13/04/2019 – 26/4/2019

BRIX @ HARVEST: 23.5 – 26.4

T.A: 5.4 pH: 3.75 R.S: Dry ALC: 15.32%

REGION: Waiheke Island

BARREL: 32% New French oak barriques, 68% seasoned

BLEND: Merlot 40%, Cabernet franc 24.8%, Cabernet Sauvignon 24.2%, Petit Verdot 11%

WINEMAKING

Vintage 2019 was exceptional with a perfect fruit set in the Spring followed by a hot settled summer and practically no rain during the harvest months.

With 15 different vineyard sites planted in the five traditional varieties of Bordeaux the 2019 Ironclad is a careful selection of the very best fruit from the vintage. As with all our vineyards the fruit is carefully hand harvested and then sorted again in the winery before stem removal and fermentation of whole berries. Only pumped over twice a day the extraction is careful and can continue for over 30 days. Once the perfect balance has been achieved the wines are pressed directly to barrel and remain on gross lees for 20 months undergoing a natural malolactic in the Spring. After ageing the wines are then selected for blending into the Ironclad.

TASTING NOTE

The 2019 Ironclad opens up to reveal dark cherries, blackberry, olive tapenade, violets and crushed rock. The oak is classy with hints of cedar and pencil lead, the palate is full bodied and rich with layers of fruit characters. Boysenberry and bramble lead to a fresh almost salty finish. Tannins are present but well integrated as is the oak. A classic wild and wonderful Ironclad blend!

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