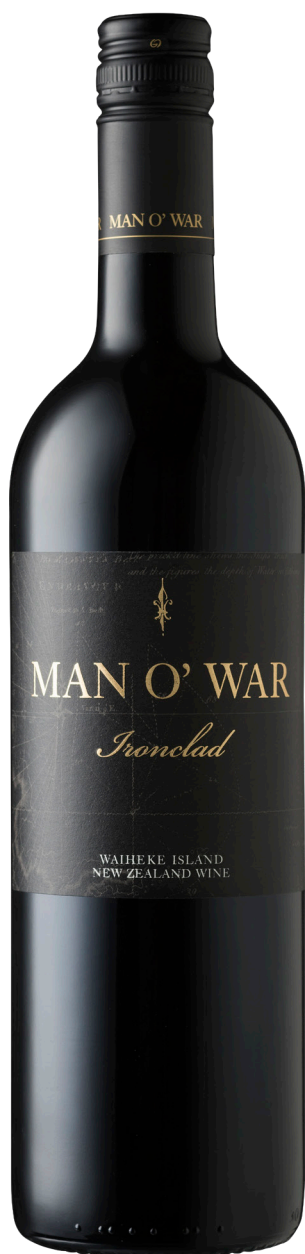




MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND WINE



IRONCLAD 2020

HARVEST DATE: 18/04/2020 – 23/4/2020

BRIX @ HARVEST: 24.5 – 26.7

T.A: 5.2 pH: 3.68 R.S: Dry ALC: 15.32%

REGION: Waiheke Island, Ponui Island

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

BLEND: Merlot 53%, Cabernet Franc 26%, Petit Verdot 17%,
Cabernet Sauvignon 4%

WINEMAKING

Vintage 2020 came off a beautiful summer, hot and dry however we did get punched with Cyclone Dovi at the beginning of the harvest putting some pressure on the vintage, however apart from that event everything followed a perfect script.

Ironclad is a selection of our top Bordeaux vineyard sites aimed at producing a luxurious wine. 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. The ferments are pumped over twice a day with careful extraction tasted every morning. Time in vat continues 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 2020 Ironclad is classically aromatic with cassis and dark berry fruits, lifted floral and spice with a nice earthy note. The palate is concentrated with clear ripeness framed by robust tannins with a beautiful fresh vibrancy. Ironclad 2020 comes from an exceptional vintage and is clearly a wine with enormous potential.

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