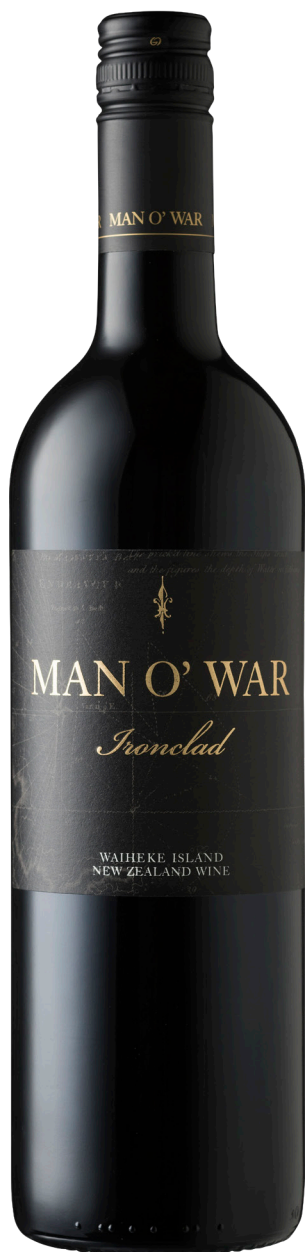




MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND WINE



IRONCLAD 2021

HARVEST DATE: 14/04/2021 – 22/4/2021

BRIX @ HARVEST: 23.5 – 27.7

T.A: 5.4 pH: 3.72 R.S: Dry ALC: 15.2%

REGION: Waiheke Island, Ponui Island

BARREL: 30% New French oak barriques, 70% seasoned

VINEYARDS: Paradise Cabernet Franc, Benches Cabernet Franc, Rocket Merlot, Madmans Merlot, Machells Petit Verdot, Reubans Cabernet Sauvignon, Owhiti Malbec

BLEND: Cabernet Franc 50%, Merlot 26%, Petit Verdot 14%, Cabernet Sauvignon 9%, Malbec 1%

WINEMAKING

Vintage 2021 was exceptional with moderate crops enjoying long periods of dry weather with occasional rainfall to keep the vine canopy in good condition for a long ripening into late Autumn. As always, the vineyards are dry farmed, hand harvested and each parcel fermented and aged separately for an extended period, 30 days in vat and 2 years in barrel.

TASTING NOTE

The 2021 Ironclad is ripe and generous in style which can be attributed to the very ripe Cabernet Franc from Ponui Island making up 40% of the blend. Harvest on Ponui is dictated by the tide and the fruit can often get incredibly ripe yet retains its integrity and varietal character. The bold flavours are balanced with some very firm tannins which draw out the finish and, along with the natural vibrancy of the Petit Verdot, provides balance to the richness.

The 2021 is a very hedonistic wine seemingly fruit forward and rich but there are layers of complexity that reveal themselves as you journey through the bottle, layers of aroma and flavour and of structure; acidity, warmth, tannin and a paradoxical freshness that ebbs and flows throughout the tasting experience. A wine that will cellar incredibly well.

Dark black and red berry fruits, graphite, new leather, smoke, spice, and the smell of the sea.

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