



Čuvar Iris Collection Hawke's Bay Syrah 2024

VINTAGE

The 2024 vintage will go down as one of the finest in Hawke's Bay. A cool, extended flowering period in spring 2023 resulted in lower yields, concentrating the fruit, while maintaining beautifully balanced acidity.

The remainder of the growing season was near perfect, with warm days and cool nights allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. The result is a collection of wines defined by remarkable vibrancy and depth.

VINEYARD

Cornerstone (92%), Čuvar Home Vineyard (8%)
Cornerstone sits on the southern banks of the Ngaruroro River, where mature vines grow in young, deep alluvial gravels that drain freely, encouraging low yields and concentrated flavour. The Čuvar Home Vineyard in Bayview is close to the coast and planted on terraces of siltstone, limestone and wind blown loess. These soils develop perfumed and elegant Syrah.

TECH NOTES

PH : 3.79	TA : 6.45gl	ALC : 13.0%	Residual Sugar : Dry
Standard Drinks : 7.7		Variety : Syrah	Clone: Limmer
Bottled: August 2025		Vegan Friendly	Vine age: 22 to 30 years

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

A beautifully expressive Syrah with aromas of blackberry, violets, dried herbs, and spice. The palate is layered with vibrant red cherries and subtle white pepper and earthy notes, offering both freshness and complexity. Medium-bodied in style, it is supported by silky, ripe tannins and fine acidity, creating excellent balance and a smooth, lingering finish.

WINEMAKING

FRUIT HANDLING:

Handpicked and transported immediately to the winery. 100% destemmed.

FERMENTATION VESSEL AND MATURATION:

Open top stainless steel fermenters.

Approx 2-3 weeks on skins with daily plunging.

Pressed to 30% new, 30% second use and 40% older French oak barriques and puncheons.

15 months in barrel prior to blending.

Red cherries and white pepper

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