

Souis Latour Agencies

Cru Heretaunga Syrah Smith and Sheth

Vintage 2017

Country of Origin New Zealand Region Hawkes Bay

Grape varieties Syrah

Wine description

Hawke's Bay (Heretaunga in Maori) is the birthplace of Smith & Sheth. It is located on the southern borders of the warm Bridge Pa appellation. The grapes are sourced from private growers as well as Smith & Sheth own estates (Bridge Pa, Omahu and Mangatahi). All on gravelly soils, these vineyards have a long history of producing exceptional wines that truly represent the potential of Hawke's Bay Syrah.

Tasting note

Intensely fragrant and perfumed aromatics together with spice, tapenade and red liquorice nuances. On the palate, dark berry flavours mix with florals and spice to provide great complexity. Beautifully focused, rich and seamless with a long finish and fine-grained tannins. Showing the elegance and freshness of its location.

Vineyard information

Average vine age 15 years old
Soil composition Old riverbed soils
Harvest type Hand picked

Environmental management Sustainable agriculture

Winemaking information

De-stemmed Yes

Fermentation vessel Stainless steel Fermentation Cultured yeast

Maturation vessel Oak barriques (40% new)

Maturation time 15 months

Finning/clarification Yes
Filtration Yes

Wine Analysis

Alcohol by volume 13% pH 3.7
Acidity (grams per litre) 5.7 g/L