

The Anthonius Tawny Style — 2016

SPECIAL RESERVE

Created for co-founder Anthonius Ham, this is a very special and unique fortified wine.

VINEYARDS

Made from a single row of Petit Verdot from our estate vineyard. Vines are pruned to lower bud numbers, shoot thinning, shoot positioning, lateral and bunch thinning are just a few of the passes we make through the vineyard. Seasonal adjustments are made in yields to guarantee excellent fruit ripeness and concentration.

WINEMAKING

Harvested at perfect ripeness Petit Verdot has intense purple colour, high sugar concentration while still maintaining excellent acidity. 400kg of fruit was fermented with indigenous yeast and hand plunged in a small open topped vat. Once the desired sugar level was reached the fermentation was stopped using high strength neutral spirit. The grapes were then left to macerate to extract maximum tannin and colour. The wine was runoff to seasoned French oak barrels and left to slowly mature for more than three years. This slow maturation has softened the tannins, integrated the spirit while extracting lovely spice and vanilla oak influences. The colour has also developed into typical tawny and ruby hues.

TASTING NOTE

A complex aroma of plum, berry fruits, and dried fig notes, complemented by vanilla and sweet spice from French oak. This wine shows a complex bouquet, silken texture, and exquisitely balanced sweetness.

CELLARING

Already delectable, cellaring will further soften the tannin while increasing integration of oak flavours with added layers of complexity from bottle age.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.63
Total acidity	6.0 g/l
Alcohol	18 %
Residual Sugar	<60 g/l

ABOUT ALPHA DOMUS

From our origins in 1989, establishing both vineyard and winery, Alpha Domus was a pioneer in the renowned Bridge Pa Triangle Wine District of Hawke's Bay. New Zealand family owned, we have always been inspired to create beautiful wines of worth; the importance of quality and expert craftsmanship paramount. Alpha is derived from the first initials of the founding family members names in age descending order, Anthonius, Leonarda, Paulus, Henrikus and Anthonius, Domus is Latin for home.

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