

# The Barnstormer Syrah — 2018

## RESERVE

Barnstormers were daredevil pilots who roamed the countryside during the heady days of the roaring twenties, bringing aerial excitement to a public thirsty for this wild new thrill.

## VINEYARDS

Grapes were picked in several passes from our estate vineyard to obtain a range of ripeness levels and to add complexity. All vines are cane pruned with bud reduction, shoot thinning and second set removal performed as required. The 2018 vintage gave us the opportunity to pick Syrah grapes with exceptional flavour and balanced acidity.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were gently destemmed and lightly crushed to purpose built red fermentation tanks. Rhone yeasts were selected to carry out fermentation allowing the full potential of aromatic intensity to be reached. The ferments reached 32°C and remained on skins for between 21 and 35 days depending on the tannin texture. After pressing, the wine was matured in predominantly French oak barriques. It was racked twice over a 12-month maturation period and was bottled early January to retain the vibrant, varietal fruit characters. A true expression of our terroir.

## TASTING NOTE

An aromatic Syrah with aromas of vanilla, white pepper, boysenberry and violet. Sweet spice aromas add complexity. Medium bodied with flavours of cherry and dark berry fruits, black olive and savoury tones, French oak imparts spice and vanilla. Soft supple tannins and a lingering finish make this an excellent food wine.

This is a harmonious exciting wine that makes every mouthful a pleasure.

Great with pizza, classic Bolognese, Romano pasta, lamb, and game meats.

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.47
Total acidity	5.8 g/l
Alcohol	13%
Residual Sugar	<1 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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