Weeping Sands
WAIHEKE ISLAND

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REGION
Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 54%, Merlot 40%,
Petit Verdot 5%, Malbec 1%
Region: Onetangi Valley,
Obsidian Vineyard, Planted 9 Ha, 1993
Waiheke Island, Auckland, NZ

VINTAGE 2008
Picking date: Hand picked between 25 Mar and 23 April 2008
Growing conditions: A warm settled spring was followed by one of the warmest and driest summers on record, allowing outstanding flavour development.

VINIFICATION
The smallest batches were fermented in open top fermenters with twice daily plunging. The parcels were pressed to tank, allowed to settle overnight before being transferred to oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine remained in oak until February 2009.
Oak Treatment: Predominantly seasoned French oak barriques

APPEARANCE
Deep purple in the glass

BOUQUET
This wine displays lifted aromas of cassis, black cherry and thyme with subtle hints of vanilla.

PALATE
The palate is rich and generous with lovely ripe tannins providing the framework and dense dark fruit filling the mid palate. This wine lingers long after it is swallowed.

CELLARING
Drink now or suitable for cellaring 5-10 years

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS
Winemaker: Michael Wood
Bottled: Feb 2009, 1600 Dozen
Alcohol: 13.75%
Residual sugar: N/A
Titratable Acidity: 6.1g/l
pH: 3.58
Packaging: 12 x 750 ml
Closure: Screw Cap

ACCOLADES
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **(5 Stars)**
"Medium-deep red /purple in colour, this is a magnificent red from the great 2008 vintage in Waiheke, made by the outstanding team at Obsidian Vineyard. The nose is beautifully perfumed displaying cassis, dried herb, dark plum and spice characters. The palate is ripe and generously flavoured with lovely richness and fine, firm tannins providing a superb structure. At its best: now to 2016."
***Sam Kim**, Wine Orbit, Issue 15, March 2011.*

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **(5 Stars – 18.5-/20 points)**
"Very dark, black-hued ruby-red colour, the nose is densely concentrated with solid, ripe, earthy black berry fruits and cassis, the bouquet quite brooding. Full-bodied with very ripe, rich blackcurrant fruit flavours, this has layers of black plums, earth and cedar that emerge. The palate is fully-extracted and the robust structure balances the fruit sweetness. There is good tension from the acidity and the wine shows the potential to develop well over the next 8-10+ years."
***Raymond Chan Wine Reviews**, Oct 2011*
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★ ★ ★ ★ (4 Stars)
"Generous, deeply coloured red, offering top value by the island's standards. Full-bodied and smooth, with strong, ripe blackcurrants, plum and spice flavours and a hint of sweet oak."
Michael Cooper, *Recent Releases, Winestate Magazine, July/Aug 2011*

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