

Weeping Sands Merlot 2009 Waiheke Island

REGION

Variety: Merlot
Region: Onetangi Valley,
Obsidian Vineyard, Planted 9 Ha, 1993
Waiheke Island, Auckland, NZ

VINTAGE 2009

Picking date: Hand picked 6/7 April 2009
Growing conditions: An even and abundant fruit set and warm start to summer was followed by a brief unsettled period in February. Late summer and autumn were dry and balmy with cold nights, allowing good ripening for both red and white grape varieties.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were crushed and de-stemmed to open top fermenters, inoculated with selected yeasts and hand plunged twice daily. The wine was pressed to tank once dry and allowed to settle before being transferred to oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked three times during the course of nine months before a light egg white fining and bottling.

Oak Treatment: 15% New French, 85% Seasoned French

APPEARANCE

Deep purple with a dense dark core.

BOUQUET

The nose offers ripe plums, violets and hints of spice.

PALATE

The palate is rich and generous with scrumptious ripe fruit and soft supple tannins.

CELLARING

Drink now or suitable for cellaring 3-5 years

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Winemaker: Michael Wood
Bottled: March 2010, 450 Dozen
Alcohol: 13.50%
Residual sugar: N/A
Titrateable Acidity: 5.9g/l
pH: 3.64
Packaging: 12 x 750 ml
Closure: Screw Cap



ACCOLADES

★ ★ ★ ★ (4 Stars)

"Still very youthful, the 2009 vintage from Obsidian is an estate grown red, matured in French oak casks (15 per cent new). Mouthfilling and full coloured, with fresh, deep plum and spice flavours, a hint of coffee and oak complexity, it's a concentrated, ripe savory red, with good cellar potential."

Michael Cooper's NZ Wine Buyers Guide 2011

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