

Weeping Sands Syrah 2010 Waiheke Island

REGION

Variety: Syrah

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

VINTAGE 2010

Picking date: Hand picked 26 Mar. and 2/3 April 2010

Growing conditions: A cool unsettled spring was followed by one of the hottest and driest summers on record.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were de-stemmed and partially crushed. Fermentation took place with cultured yeast strains in open top fermenters, with twice daily hand plunging. After a period of post fermentation maceration, the wine was pressed and transferred to oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked three times for clarification prior to a light egg white fining before bottling.

Oak Treatment: 25% New French 75% Seasoned French and American

APPEARANCE

Vibrant deep purple in the glass

BOUQUET

This wine has intense aromas of cassis and black plum with hints of vanilla and dark chocolate

PALATE

The palate is rich and full with loads of ripe tannins and a long lingering finish.

CELLARING

Drink now or suitable for cellaring 5-10 years

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Winemaker: Michael Wood

Bottled: Feb 2011, 282 Dozen

Alcohol: 14.50%

Residual sugar: N/A

Titrateable Acidity: 6.2 g/l

pH: 3.54

Packaging: 6 x 750 ml

Closure: Screw Cap



ACCOLADES

TROPHY SYRAH and GOLD MEDAL

Spiegelau International Wine Competition 2011

"It's an absolute baby, but it is totally delicious. It is rich and full bodied. It's powerful but it's also very elegant. It's got this amazing velvety texture, and it's packed with dark spicy plum fruit and a fair bit of tannin. Fantastic to enjoy now, or put a few bottles away for time to come." *Director and co-founder of the Spiegelau International Wine Competition, Belinda Jackson, National Radio "Afternoons" with Jim Mora, 8 July 2011*

★ ★ ★ ★½ (4 ½ Stars)

"Deep and purple-flushed in colour, it is rich, savoury and flowing, with deep plum, black-pepper and spice flavours, showing complexity and concentration. An elegant wine, it's approachable now, but should be at its best 2013+."

Michael Cooper, Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide to NZ Wines 2012

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“Very dark, deep, impenetrable purple-hued red colour, this has a densely concentrated nose packed with black fruits, savoury game notes, tar, ink and minerals. A full-bodied wine, this shows well-ripened black berry and plum flavours with Asian spices and herb elements, a little restrained in expression. However there is density and a succulent richness and an underlying structure and grip that drives the palate. The acidity is soft, contributing to a rounded mouthfeel. A little alcohol warmth is present. A hearty, ripe and rounded red to match with beef and venison over the next 5-7 years.”

Raymond Chan Wine Reviews, Oct 2011

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