

FOX

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VINEYARD:

BELSHAM VINEYARD SELECTIONS

THE VINEYARD SELECTIONS INCLUDES FRUIT FROM THE BELSHAM AWATERE ESTATE AND FROM SELECT VINEYARDS THAT PROVIDE SUSTAINABLY CERTIFIED GRAPES SPECIFICALLY FOR FOX. EACH YEAR A TEAM OF DEDICATED GROWERS MEET EXACTING QUALITY REQUIREMENTS; AND DELIVERS BEAUTIFUL FRUIT; PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CRAFT WINES THAT REPRESENT THE BEST OF A REGION.

REGION:

MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

WINEMAKER:

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WINEMAKING:

A FANTASTIC VINTAGE, THE GRAPES WERE HARVESTED AT AN AVERAGE OF 24°BRIX. THE FRUIT WAS THEN CHILLED, DE-STEMMED AND COLD SOAKED FOR 12 DAYS PRIOR TO WARMING AND FERMENTATION IN OPEN TOP FERMENTERS. AT DRYNESS THE WINE WAS DRAINED AND THE SKINS GENTLY PRESSED FOLLOWING WHICH THE COMPONENTS WERE MATURED IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS FOR 10 MONTHS BEFORE BLENDING AND BOTTLING.

TECHNICAL DETAILS:

BOTTLING DATE	MARCH 2011
TOTAL ACIDITY	6.1 G/L
PH	3.58
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.5 G/L
ALCOHOL	14.0%

TASTING NOTE:

SILKY SOFT AND SEDUCTIVE YET WONDERFULLY CONCENTRATED, THIS WINE IS PRETTY WITHOUT PRETENCE. FRAGRANT RED ROSES, SUMMER RIPE BERRIES AND SWEET TOASTY AROMAS FILL THE GLASS WHILST DELICIOUS LAYERS OF DARK CHERRY, BAKING SPICE ADD DEPTH WHILST A SLIGHT HINT OF DARK COCOA LINGERS IN THE BACKGROUND.