

DREADNOUGHT SYRAH 2009

INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2011

Gold Medal, Trophy - Best Waiheke Island Syrah & Trophy - Best New Zealand Syrah

Opaque, vinous and meaty on the nose, ripe fruit with violet, floral intensity on the palate. Delightful purity of fruit with juicy flavours, the tannins are fine and quite fresh on the finish.

OTAGO DAILY TIMES

Charmian Smith, July 2011

4.5 Stars

An impressive, inky wine oozing dark berries, pepper, hints of dark chocolate and toasty oak, this is concentrated and powerful with a firm grip on the finish. Will develop with a year or two's bottle age.

JOELLE THOMSON

June 2011

Moving up the body and bigness scale to Syrah, the new 2009 Man O'War Dreadnought Waiheke Island Syrah is an excellent wine, made from the winery's Hillside Vineyard and showing a tight-knit range of flavours from black pepper, savoury spice and sweet rich black plums - all of which show it has more than a little potential to age in the bottle, in the right cool dark cellar, that is.

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Bob Campbell MW, January 2011

95 points

Fine-boned, perfumed Syrah in an elegant rather than blockbuster (as expected) style. Red fruits, floral and white/black pepper. Fine-grained backbone with a pleasantly drying finish. Good cellaring potential at least for the mid-term but very approachable now. This is a very serious Syrah indeed.

LISTNER MAGAZINE- GULF WAR

Michael Cooper April 2011

5 Stars

Dark, with a highly fragrant, plummy, peppery bouquet. Classy red with very generous blackcurrant, plum and spice flavours, a hint of dark chocolate, and a lasting, silky-smooth finish. Drink now or cellar.