

## CABLE BAY RESERVE SYRAH 2010

### Waiheke Island

Cable Bay Vineyards is dedicated to crafting exquisite wines known for their subtlety, elegance and depth. Taking an Old World approach and combining it with New World techniques, Cable Bay's opulent wines are a stylish reflection of the land where they began.

Waiheke Island is one of New Zealand's most exciting wine regions and the combination of premium quality hand-picked fruit and traditional winemaking has resulted in a wine displaying attractive complexity and finesse.



<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Neill Culley
<b>VARIETIES</b>	98% Syrah 2% Viognier
<b>VINTAGE</b>	2010
<b>REGION</b>	Waiheke Island
<b>VINEYARD</b>	Edwards Vineyard
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%
<b>SWEETNESS</b>	Dry
<b>FERMENTATION/AGING</b>	Co-fermented in stainless steel open tops, matured in French oak.
<b>CELLARING POTENTIAL</b>	This wine will reward careful cellaring for up to 8 years, or thoroughly enjoy upon release.

#### TASTING NOTE

Deep and complex; dark chocolate, fresh coffee, doris plum and spiced rum truffles adorn the nose. The palate is rich and luscious, mouthfilling, yet elegantly refined. It is long and persistent with a delightful lift on the finish. A real show stopper.

#### FOOD MATCH

Lamb cutlets, Beef scotch fillet

#### VINEYARDS

This Syrah is produced from low-yielding vines in the Edwards Vineyard, located at the Western end of Waiheke Island. The vineyard site is situated on a sun-drenched, north facing slope with predominantly clay soils. The vineyard management is traditional and meticulous, with the aim of increasing air flow around the bunches and achieving a level of ripeness that promotes intense concentration of natural Syrah characteristics.

#### WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-harvested and crushed immediately. After cold soaking for 48 hours to allow the gentle extraction of colour and tannin, the fruit is fermented in small stainless steel open vats. Only the free-run wine was run to French oak barriques for 24 month maturation. Minimal handling and no fining, this wine is an amazing expression of the site upon which it was grown.