



2019 Marlborough

Lagrein

An Italian Hillbilly on OE in Marlborough, this lively Red Italian is serious by nature but also eager to please. Native to the mountainous regions of Northern Italy, there is estimated to be less than 1,000 hectares of Lagrein planted worldwide, of which 650 plus are in Italy.

A stranger to many, the Lagrein grape is actually a cousin of Syrah and grandchild to Pinot Noir.

Dense ruby in colour, it displays bright Damson plum, wild cherry and liquorice characters. A juicy, round mid-palate is densely packed with fresh boysenberry and dark chocolate flavours.

Hints of tobacco, vanilla and a mineral edge dance around firm acidity and pronounced tannins. Full bodied, but not heavy, Lagrein delivers straight-up, fruit-forward pleasure underneath it's dark, tough exterior. Try it slightly chilled.

RRP: \$36



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Technical Notes

Bottling Date	04/06/2020
pH	3.7
TA g/L	6.4
Residual Sugar g/L	<2
Sub-Region	A Single Vineyard site in the Awatere Valley
Harvest Method	Hand-picked
Processing	Destemmed and lightly crushed
Fermentation	Cold soaked for several days, then inoculated and fermented with cap plunging 3 times per day for gentle extraction of colour and tannin
Maturation	14 months in French oak barriques (35% New)
Awards & Reviews	5 Stars (94 points) Wine Orbit, 5 Stars Michael Cooper



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