



**CLEARVIEW**  
ESTATE WINERY

## **2009 OLD OLIVE BLOCK**

### **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

This is our Cabernet dominant Reserve label. A classic Bordeaux style, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec. This wine has a wonderful nose and the palate is generous, warm and spicy with complex flavours of cassis and plum. Savoury oak and long soft tannins finish this wine beautifully. Age from 3 to 12 years, earlier for a more fruit driven style.

### **WINEMAKING INFORMATION**

The grapes were all hand picked from a mixture of our estate 20 year old vines and some of our fruit from Gimblett Road. The fruit was crushed and de-stemmed in 2000 litre tanks, cold macerated for 3 days and fermented with a mixture of wild and inoculated yeasts. Temperatures reached 32°C with a 4 hourly hand plunging and daily rack and returns. The wine spent 28 days undergoing extended maceration.

The individual components were matured separately in predominantly new oak barriques before blending at 14 months, undergoing a further 5 months ageing as a blended parcel. This wine from one of our greatest red vintages is a blend of 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc and 9% Malbec.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Continuing the tradition of this red, named after the centre vineyard containing an Olive tree originating from the time of the first planting of the vineyard in 1915. "Old Olive Block" has had a loyal following since arriving in 1994 and has collected numerous accolades in its time, the 1998 vintage securing 5 Gold Medals.

### **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

TA 6.1    pH 3.60%    Alc 14%

### **SUGGESTED DRINKING DATES**

Now until 2016

### **ACCOLADES**

GOLD medal & TROPHY – Spieleglau International Wine Competition 2011

GOLD medal – New Zealand International Wine Show 2011