Seresin

BEAUTIFUL CHAOS SYRAH - 2023

REGION: NEW ZEALAND

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Michael Seresin was born in Wellington, New Zealand, but left in the 1960s, when sheep, not grapevines, covered the Wairau Plains. He settled in Italy, where he was captivated by Italian food and wine culture and began his career as a cinematographer. Over time Michael's interest in wine developed into a passion. In the early 1990s after investigating opportunities to start a winery in Italy, he became aware of the quality wines starting to emerge from his homeland. After visiting Marlborough, and falling in love with the Marlborough Sounds, Michael purchased a home, followed by the purchase of land in the Wairau Valley. He immediately began planting vines and importing Tuscan olive varieties along with significant plantings of native plant species -and this was the beginning of Seresin's Home Vineyard.
One of the first wineries in New Zealand to operate organic vineyards, Seresin released their first vintage in 1996. A year later, the Tatou Vineyard was

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Estate Raupo Creek vineyard, Omaka Valley.

- Exposure: Northwest
- Soil: Clay
- Climate: High number of sunshine hours, minimal rain
- Farmed organically and biodynamically

Harvest Notes

- Growing season was challenging but Raupo Creek's distinctive features weathered it beautifully
- Even flowering, naturally low; small, tight and healthy bunches
- Wet conditions mid-cycle, but dry and fine through harvest
- Hand harvested mid-April, end of Seresin's pick
- Fermentation in small (450 liter) clay amphorae and small amount in stainless steel, 15% whole bunch; only indigenous yeast
- Fruit on skins 4 weeks, wet capped daily, very gentlyhandled
- Blended and returned to amphorae for malolactic fermentation; 4-5 months in clay
- Racked to stainless barrels for 2 weeks before bottling without fining, filtration, or added sulfur

Winemaker's Notes

Beauty resides within Chaos and Chaos within Beauty. Both grape growing and wine making have elements of beauty and chaos embedded within. A natural progression was to embrace a little more chaos and beauty within these two related cultures. Therefore the name Beautiful Chaos seemed appropriate for these wines. They are different from any other wines we make. Despite this, they are very much a part of our evolving culture.
A wine of two tales. Incredibly dense and inky to the eye, yet graceful and refined on the palate. A charming wine, brimming with ripe boysenberry aromas, and flavors of cocoa and graphite.

THE SORTING TABLE

Technical Information

- 100% Syrah
- Alcohol: 13%
- Total Acidity: 5.4 g/l
- pH: 3.62
- Residual Sugar: 0 g/l
- Total SO2: 0 mg/l
- Certified US & NZ BioGro Organic, DEMETER biodynamic certified

REVIEWS

Beautiful Chaos Syrah – 2023

92 Points - Wine News, May, 2024

Deep purple hue. Complex, intriguing developed nose of peanut shell, violet, tar, earthy black pepper and leather over mulberry fruit. The palate is tight, dark and a bit chewy yet also showing a core of purple fruit pastille wrapped in thick layers of leather and spice. Balanced towards the secondary and tertiary characters rather than fruit, with a brutalist expression. Interesting and different, possibly a New Wave style for the more adventurous drinker.
Stephen Wong MW, *The Real Review NZ*
https://www.therealreview.com/wines/8g53n8psjz92/

GENERAL INFO

Country	New Zealand
Region	South Island
Appellation(s)	Marlborough
Proprietors	Michael Seresin
Founded	1992, first vintage 1996
Winemaker	Tamra Kelly-Washington
Annual Production	21,500 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Certified Organic (property and wines certified by US & BioGro NZ); Biodynamic (grapes certified with Demeter)