



REVIEWS

2009 SYRAH



BOB CAMPBELL MW

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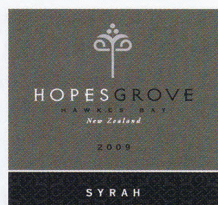
**** 18.5+/20

18.5-/20 'Heritage' clone fruit hand-picked, given a cold soak, and 10% whole bunch fermented to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 20 months in 33% new French oak. Very dark, deep, black-red, near-saturated colour, youthful in appearance. The bouquet is aromatic with lifted wild black fruit and black pepper aromas along with spices, oak, herb and floral elements, the nose quite elegant but with depth. Medium-bodied, this has intense and finely presented black berry, plum, black pepper and liquorice flavours with spice notes enlivened by bright acidity. The penetrating flavour profile is a feature. The tannins are very fine-grained and form a delicately texture core and palate line. This has concentration with finesse and nervosity, the wine finishing with a sustained, spicy finish. Serve this elegant, lively Syrah with Asian and Middle Eastern cuisine over the next 5-7+ years. Only 70 cases made. 18.5-/20 Nov 2011 RRP \$45.00

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