



**Leveret Estate Reserve Late Harvest
Hawkes Bay
2016**

Style of Wine

Sweet dessert wine.

Heritage

Established in 1978, The Wine Portfolio combines the finest grapes with the best winemaking techniques, as well as passion from our dedicated winemakers. We have taken the boutique winery approach to winemaking by controlling the entire process—from grafting our own cuttings, developing our own vineyards and viticultural techniques and investing in the best technology possible.

Vintage Description

2016 can be summarised as being a very dry season. Warm temperatures in the second half of the season meant the total Growing Degree days for the season finished well above average and fruit across all varieties reached full maturity. This enabled the grapes to be picked based on flavour profiles.

Vinification

The Viognier grapes for this wine were allowed to hang on the vine until they were well shrivelled. The fruit was hand harvested and inoculated with PDM yeast. Due to the very high sugar content, fermentation proceeded very slowly and took several months. The yeast stopped at a relatively modest alcohol. A small amount of Gewurztraminer was blended into the wine to raise the alcohol and to provide an aromatic lift.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

This wine has concentrated Viognier aromas of nectarine and pear with a hint of rose water from the Gewurztraminer. The palate is fine and elegant and very, very sweet. The long finish is rich with mandarin and stonefruit.

Cellaring Potential

This wine will cellar for 5 - 6 years.

Serving Suggestions

Enjoy with any sweet dessert.

Grapes

Viognier 91%, Gewurztraminer 9%

Analysis

Alcohol: 7% v/v

Residual Sugar: Approx 200 g/L

Total Acidity: 7.3 g/L

pH: 3.82



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