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Brookfields 'Back Block' Syrah 2016

VARIETAL: 100% Syrah

REGION: Hawke's Bay

STYLE: Dry

VINTAGE: 2016

VINEYARD:

The 'Back Block' vineyard is located at Ohiti Estate. While 'back-block' is a generic term - many people live in the back blocks (*i.e. isolated hill country*), and every farm has a back block. The 'Back Block' at Ohiti is exactly that, and is literally at the back, surrounded by hills on a shingle free draining terrace, facing to the north-east, thus ideal for growing and ripening Syrah grapes.

VINIFICATION:

The fruit was harvested on the 16th of April, and tank fermented. Cap management was by pumping over. Time on the skins was at least two weeks. It was pressed and immediately went back into tank, for malolactic fermentation. It had at least six months in oak.

APPEARANCE:

In your glass you will have a deep red with rich magenta hues.

TASTING NOTES:

The 'Back Block' Syrah has proven to be an excellent food wine; hence it is served in restaurants in New Zealand, Australia and in the United Kingdom. The 2016 vintage is quite fragrant as was the previous vintage. It is rich in sweet berry and plums with black pepper under pinned with oak and herbs. Savoury and enticing the 2016 'Back Block' Syrah is another deserved addition to the legacy.

FOOD MATCH:

An ideal pairing with Beef Bourguignon.

CELLARING:

This vintage will age well for up to 8 years.

DETAILS

Alcohol	13.0% Alc/vol
Residual sweetness	Dry
TA	5.8g/L
pH	3.45

Chief Winemaker Peter Robertson

