



Seasonal 2023 Marlborough Lagrein

An Italian Hillbilly on OE in Marlborough, this lively Red Italian is serious by nature but also eager to please. Native to the mountainous regions of Northern Italy, there is estimated to be less than 3,000 hectares of Lagrein planted worldwide, of which most are in Tyrol, Northern Italy.

A stranger to many, the Lagrein grape is actually a cousin of Syrah and grandchild to Pinot Noir. Dense ruby in colour, it displays bright plum, mixed berries, cacao, sandalwood and violet characteristics.

A juicy, round mid-palate is densely packed with fresh blackcurrants and dark chocolate flavours. Hints of spice, vanilla and licorice dance around firm acidity and rounded tannins. Full bodied, but not heavy, Lagrein delivers straight-up, fruit-forward pleasure underneath it's dark, tough exterior. Try it slightly chilled.



Charming > mysterious > adventurous > bold > seductive > distinct



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Technical Notes

Bottling Date	26/07/2022
pH	3.82
TA g/L	5.4
Glucose g/L	<2
Sub-Region	A Single Vineyard Site in the Awatere Valley
Harvest Method	Hand-picked
Processing	Destemmed and lightly crushed
Fermentation	Cold soaked for several days, then inoculated and fermented with cap turnover 3 x times per day for gentle extraction of colour and tannin.
Maturation	24 months in French oak barriques (30% new)

