



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE
TASTING NOTES



Temperature & Decanting

Minor temperature changes dramatically impact the flavour and aroma of wine. Our wine should be served between 15-18°C. It is better to err on the side of 'too cool' rather than 'too warm'. Additionally, the practice of uncorking, decanting and allowing the wine to breathe prior to serving is essential. We recommend allowing our wine to breathe for thirty minutes and up to a few hours. Typically, the older the wine, the less time it needs to breathe prior to serving.

"Prime" or "Season" your Decanter/Glasses

We recommend you "Prime", or "Season", your wine glasses/decanter before pouring a full glass. This simple process can remove any dust, cardboard smells, or residual dishwashing detergent that could hinder/alter the aromatics of the wine. Simply pour ~1-2 teaspoons of wine into your glass/decanter and slowly roll the wine around the glass to coat the entire surface. This wine can be poured into the next glass and repeated. Discard or drink this wine and then pour as usual.

Cellar Temperature & Storage

Wine should be stored horizontally in dark conditions of 12-15° Celsius and ~70% humidity. Temperatures above 15°C can lead to premature ageing. If you do not have a wine cellar, a low point in your home that is cool and stable in temperature is a good alternative. Never store fine wine in a rack above the refrigerator or stove, or in direct sunlight.

Initial Ageing

Destiny Bay bottle-ages your wines prior to release to ensure they can be enjoyed when you receive them. How long to age a wine is often a matter of personal preference and many of our collectors enjoy our wines at all stages of their evolution. Typically, a bottle opened in the first few years will offer more fruit forward notes while further ageing will soften the tannins and develop more complex tertiary aromas. Our recommendation is to try one of your wines a few months after receiving it to allow it to "rest" from its journey to your cellar and assess how its evolution meets your personal preference. There is no right or wrong answer and this is part of the journey and enjoyment of cellaring a fine wine.

Cork Closures

Our research has shown that wines show significant improvement in bottle ageing when sealed with natural cork rather than a screw-cap or a synthetic cork. We use the highest quality corks available, but problems can still arise. If one of our wines exhibits cork taint please contact us at +64 9 600-2050 or collector@destinybay.co.nz to request a replacement bottle or credit and obtain information about what to do with the wine.

Sediment/Deposits

Destiny Bay wine is minimally filtered. During cellaring and maturation of the wine, deposits and sediments will form in the bottle. These can be removed by decanting the wine prior to serving.



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2021

Estate Bottled

Wine of New Zealand

53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot,
14% Malbec, 13% Cabernet Franc,
5% Petit Verdot

Grown, Produced and Bottled By
Destiny Bay Wines

379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: A mild winter made for an early start to the season followed by an exceptionally dry and warm flowering and fruitset. Veraison to harvest had optimal rainfall before a warm dry period led to an early harvest.

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 2.0 - 2.2 tonnes

Avg. Brix: 24.8

Maturation: ~12 months in 55% French Oak & 45% American Oak

Cooperage: 45% new barrels, 55% 1-2 year barrels

Cases Produced: ~470

Alcohol: 14.5%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

Intense colour, but brilliant still in the glass, the nose on the wine shows classic notes of black fruits laced with graphite, black pepper and perfume. Upon tasting there is a wonderful drive of fine-grained tannins across the palate as blueberry, brambly black fruits and fruit sweetness give way to cocoa. A very classic Mystae that offers much to think about while it dances between vibrant fruit and game notes before a long finish. This is sure to be a phenomenal wine to pair with cheeses, beef, or game. Give this one a few years to settle down in the cellar, but expect it to be exciting from adolescence through to old-age.

ENJOY FROM: 5-18+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2020

Estate Bottled

Wine of New Zealand

54% Cabernet Sauvignon,

23% Merlot, 9% Malbec,

8% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot

Grown, Produced and Bottled By

Destiny Bay Wines

379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: A cold and windy start followed by a warm and dry spring and exceptional conditions from flowering to harvest. Above average temperatures, sunshine and record low rainfall from January - April.

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 2.0 - 2.4 tonnes

Avg. Brix: 24.6

Maturation: ~12 months in 55% French Oak & 45% American Oak

Cooperage: 45% new barrels, 55% 1-2 year barrels

Cases Produced: ~615

Alcohol: 14.3%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

A dark colour shows concentration that is framed by a blue tinged robe. The nose is both sweet and floral with ripe Cabernet supported by a touch of blueberry before a savoury quality rises up due to the higher portion of French oak. The first taste mirrors the aromatics with ripe Cabernet and cooling blue fruit characters before a firmly structured backbone reveals the potential for this wine in the cellar. While the wine is youthful and well structured, it remains supple and inviting with a wide spectrum of berry and perfume notes. A marvelously structured Mystae that will be tempting to drink upon release with beef and game, it will only begin to reveal its secrets after 2-3 years in the cellar.

ENJOY FROM: 5-18+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2019

Estate Bottled

Wine of New Zealand

59% Cabernet Sauvignon,

20% Merlot, 11% Malbec,

8% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Grown, Produced and Bottled By

Destiny Bay Wines

379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Warm spring with moderate rainfall, hot & dry through to veraison, above average temperatures & sunshine and below average rain post-veraison.

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.3 - 2.0 tonnes

Avg. Brix: 24.4

Maturation: ~12 months in 55% French Oak & 45% American Oak

Cooperage: 40% new barrels, 60% 1-2 year barrels

Cases Produced: ~560

Alcohol: 14.1%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

A dark, deep colour with a blue tinged robe, blackberry and blue fruits brood in the glass with a hint of Cabernet Franc that offers its signature trait of being perfumed and simultaneously earthy. On closer examination, there are notes of graphite, cassis and cocoa overlaying a subtle touch of oak. Upon first taste, the concentrated berry notes are polished and mouth-filling before the wine yields to a long finish with a crème brûlée quality and lingering hints of lavender and perfume. As the wine evolves in the glass, the fine grained tannins persist across the palate as it reveals roasted coffee bean characters and excellent Cabernet Sauvignon typicity. This Mystae is sure to become a wine to ponder as it gains complexity in the cellar for years and years to come.

ENJOY FROM: 5-12+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2016

Estate Bottled

Wine of New Zealand

38% Cabernet Sauvignon,

25% Merlot, 17% Malbec,

12% Cabernet Franc, 8% Petit Verdot

Grown, Produced and Bottled By

Destiny Bay Wines

379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Hot & dry spring through to veraison, above average temperatures & rainfall post-veraison followed by dry conditions at harvest.

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.1 - 1.6 tonnes

Avg. Brix: 23.7

Maturation: ~12 months in 55% French Oak & 45% American Oak

Cooperage: 40% new barrels, 60% 1-2 year barrels

Cases Produced: 287

Alcohol: 13.2%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

Scarlet red in colour and reminiscent of a French claret. The nose is distinctly expressive of Cabernet Franc's musky quality and then is followed by berries and cocoa. On a first taste the wine is texturally generous with black cherry and red berry fruits and fine-grained tannins lending structure. The increased use of newer French Oak in this blend keeps the oak aromatics restrained with less vanilla and more subtle wood notes. Acidity remains fresh suggesting that increased cellar time will favour the development of a more complex aromatic profile. This wine should offer plenty to think about in the 7-9 year range with floral and forest floor aromatics becoming more expressive over time.

ENJOY FROM: 5-12+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2015

Estate Bottled

Wine of New Zealand

48% Cabernet Sauvignon,
30% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc,
7% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot

Grown, Produced and Bottled By
Destiny Bay Wines
379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Warm & dry spring, above average temperatures & sunshine hours with below average precipitation from veraison to harvest.

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.4 - 1.8 tonnes

Brix: 24.2 - 26.2 **pH:** 3.64 **TA:** 6.0

Maturation: 10 months in 60% French Oak & 40% American Oak

Cooperage: 40% new barrels, 60% 1 year barrels

Cases Produced: 328

Alcohol: 14.5%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

Deeply coloured with violet and blue tinges, the Mystae expresses a Cabernet dominant aromatic profile underpinned by black fruits and subtle baked bread notes. After a vigorous swirl there are hints of chocolate and a first taste broadly coats the palate showing excellent tannic structure. Further tasting reveals cranberries, pink peppercorns and a rich earthy quality that shows this particular Mystae owes its blending inspiration to the Haut-Médoc. Even though this wine is not overtly fruit forward, it has an inviting sweetness and provides a remarkably long finish. An excellent wine to pair with cheese and game. As it evolves in the cellar, look for more sweet tobacco, licorice and forest floor qualities.

ENJOY FROM: 4-15+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2014

Estate Bottled

Wine of New Zealand

52% Cabernet Sauvignon,

24% Merlot, 11% Malbec,

9% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

Grown, Produced and Bottled By

Destiny Bay Wines

379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Average temperature and rainfall for spring & above average temperature & sunshine hours for summer through harvest.

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.4 - 2.2 tonnes

Brix: 24 - 26.1 **pH:** 3.63 **TA:** 5.9

Maturation: 10-15 months in 50% French Oak & 50% American Oak

Cooperage: 50% new barrels, 50% 1-2 year barrels

Cases Produced: 425

Alcohol: 14.5%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

Vibrant, deep and maroon in colour, the 2014 Mystae looks as concentrated in the glass as it delivers on its first palate-filling taste. Aromatically, the wine first expresses a flinty quality with notes of musk that is characteristic of bottle-aged Cabernet Franc. The wine quickly opens into smashed blackberries supported by peppery and floral notes typical of Cabernet Sauvignon at its best. The rich and concentrated palate is rounded and supported by a touch of French Vanilla on the forepalate and just a hint of caramel on the finish. Look for this wine to develop some sweet molasses, cigar notes and licorice as it passes 8 years in age.

ENJOY FROM: 4-15+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2013

Estate Bottled

Wine of New Zealand

52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot,
9% Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec,
6% Petit Verdot

Grown, Produced and Bottled By
Destiny Bay Wines
379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Dry and windy spring w/hot and dry summer conditions through harvest.

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.8 - 2.0 tonnes

Brix: 24 - 25.6

Maturation: 10-15 months in 50% French Oak & 50% American Oak

Cooperage: 60% new barrels, 40% 1-2 year barrels

Cases Produced: 550

Alcohol: 14.5%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

Crimson with tinges of violet in the robe, the Mystae already presents some tertiary and earthy aromatics. On a first taste the higher proportion of Cabernet is evidenced in the tannin structure and mid-palate weight. As the wine evolves in the glass, licorice, Cabernet florality, and undernotes of graphite are expressed. Further tasting reveals density and persistence across the palate with hints of golden syrup and oak that is present, yet remains enigmatic. As the finish lingers with hints of musk and perfume from the Cabernet Franc, this 2013 Mystae proves generous and complex even at the earliest stages of what is sure to be a long life in the cellar.

ENJOY FROM: 4-15+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2012

Estate Bottled

Wine of New Zealand

47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot,
9% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec,
5% Petit Verdot

Grown, Produced and Bottled By
Destiny Bay Wines
379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Dry and cool spring w/typical summer weather followed by warm dry harvest.

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.8 - 2.0 tonnes

Brix: 23 - 26.2

Maturation: 10-15 months in 50% French Oak & 50% American Oak

Cooperage: 60% new barrels, 40% 1-2 year barrels

Cases Produced: 475

Alcohol: 14.1%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

Deep and garnet in colour with blue tinges. Aromatically the wine expresses classic Cabernet Sauvignon typicity with distinctive floral, cassis and dark berry notes. The palate is full-bodied and generous showing such complexity of flavours and integration of tannin that it almost defies description. As the wine finishes hints of anise, pepper, and French Vanilla are revealed. Once again the Mystae proves its namesake as an enigmatic and exciting wine that is sure to evolve over many years in the cellar and pair marvelously with a range of meals.

ENJOY FROM: 4-15+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

AEOLUS RESERVE*

2011

Estate Bottled
Wine of New Zealand

58% Merlot, 20% Malbec,
14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot

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Destiny Bay Wines
379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Warm Fruitset followed by mild
summer and moderate rainfall at harvest

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.6 - 2.1 tonnes

Brix: 23 - 24.8

Maturation: 11months 50% French Oak &
50% American Oak

Cooperage: 40% new barrels, 60% 1-2 year barrels

Cases Produced: 32

Alcohol: 13%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

This limited production wine was made exclusively for Destiny Bay Patron Club members due to the small harvest volumes of Cabernet Sauvignon in 2011. The wine shows violet and red hues with floral and berry aromas jumping out of the glass thanks to the select additions of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. A velvety and warm mouthfeel on the first sip gives way to highly integrated tannins and a hint of white pepper. A lengthy finish with savoury and vanilla qualities that leave lingering notes of blueberry. Delicious and drinkable now, but will truly shine with food.

ENJOY FROM: 4-6+ years from vintage

*Mystae was not produced in Vintage 2011



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2010

Estate Bottled

Wine of New Zealand

64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot,
6% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec,
4% Petit Verdot

Grown, Produced and Bottled By
Destiny Bay Wines
379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Cool Fruitset then atypically warm w/
little rainfall through to harvest

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.6 - 2.1 tonnes

Brix: 23.5 - 25.6

Maturation: 10-15 months in 60% French Oak &
40% American Oak

Cooperage: 60% new barrels, 40% 1-2 year barrels

Cases Produced: 655

Alcohol: 14.3%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

A dark garnet in colour with blue and purple robe. In the glass, the aroma expresses currants, blackberry, cocoa and smoke with hints of allspice. A full-bodied wine that expresses a complex tannin and flavour profile even though it is youthful at release. The mid-palate is layered with typical Cabernet Sauvignon characteristics that are underpinned by generous dark fruit notes from the Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. With a structured, long finish, this wine will truly shine in food pairings and with time in the cellar.

ENJOY FROM: 6-15+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2009

Estate Bottled
Wine of New Zealand
58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot,
10% Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec,
2% Petit Verdot

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Destiny Bay Wines
379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Cool budbreak then warm w/moderate rainfall from veraison through harvest

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.1 - 1.7 tonnes

Brix: 22.0 - 25.1

Maturation: 10-15 months in 60% French Oak & 40% American Oak

Cooperage: 60% new barrels, 40% 1-year barrels

Cases Produced: 446

Alcohol: 14.1%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

Dark and garnet in colour with tinges of purple. In the glass, the aroma expresses currants, raspberry and cedar with a slight hint of vanilla. Initially the 2009 Mystae is more restrained than the Destinae, but with a short decant it reveals its aromatic complexity. On the mid-palate the Cabernet Sauvignon takes the lead giving this wine depth and structure while the Merlot and Petit Verdot give a round and long finish. The fruit quality that is present on the finish suggests long term cellaring will be rewarded with complex tertiary flavours.

ENJOY FROM: 6-12+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2008

Estate Bottled
Wine of New Zealand
61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot,
9% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec,
3% Petit Verdot

Grown, Produced and Bottled By
Destiny Bay Wines
379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Warm & Dry

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.5 - 2.1 tonnes

Brix: 24.6 - 25.1

Maturation: 10-15 months in French & American Oak

Cooperage: 60% new barrels 40% 1-year barrels

Cases Produced: 585

Alcohol: 14.1%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

A deep, but brilliant, purple and ruby colour with blue highlights. The aroma is vibrant, forward and youthful with blackberry, pure raspberry and tobacco undertones. Supple tannins with integrated quality oak gives this wine both complexity and lovely palate length. The finish shows elegance and hidden power. The dry conditions and fastidious winemaking practices by the team at Destiny Bay have made this a well-crafted wine with great definition.

ENJOY FROM: 8-10+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2007

Estate Bottled
Wine of New Zealand
55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot,
11% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec,
2% Petit Verdot

Grown, Produced and Bottled By
Destiny Bay Wines
379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Moderate Warmth & Rainfall
Vinified Tonnage/Acre: .9 - 1.8 tonnes
Brix: 24.6 - 25.1
Maturation: 10-15 months in French & American Oak
Cooperage: 60% new barrels 40% 1-year barrels
Cases Produced: 212
Alcohol: 14.2%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

Deep ruby with faint purple hues. A vibrant nose of cassia and licorice is complemented by hints of sandalwood and cedar. Some rhubarb and savoury notes add complexity. Well woven oak and grape tannins evident on the palate with dark berry and preserved fruit nuances. The finish is heady and displays subtle power and wonderful length. The touch of Petit Verdot adds intensity and focus. Combined with firm acidity this will increase complexity in the cellar.

ENJOY FROM: 8-10+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

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2006

Estate Bottled
Wine of New Zealand
57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot,
17% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec

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Destiny Bay Wines
379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Very Warm

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.1 - 2.3 tonnes

Brix: 23.6 - 26.1

Maturation: 10-15 months in French & American Oak

Cooperage: 60% new barrels 40% 1-year barrels

Cases Produced: 398

Alcohol: 13.7%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

Good density with deep ruby and brilliant garnet. Seductive aromas of black cherry, truffle, doris plums and macerated dark fruits balanced with fine tannins and enticing plumpness. A dense concentration of fruit and subtle earth notes deliver power and long, mouth-watering opulence.

FOOD MATCH: Beef or Lamb with mash and dark sauces, hard cheese.

ENJOY FROM: 8-10+ years from vintage



DESTINY BAY

MYSTAE

2005

Estate Bottled

Wine of New Zealand

49% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon,
12% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec

Grown, Produced and Bottled By
Destiny Bay Wines

379 Gordons Road, Waiheke Island

Vintage Detail: Very Warm

Vinified Tonnage/Acre: 1.3 - 2.1 tonnes

Brix: 23.4 - 25.1

Maturation: 10-15 months in French & American Oak

Cooperage: 60% new barrels, 40% 1-year barrels

Cases Produced: 610

Alcohol: 13.9%

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

A deep ruby/purple color is accompanied by scents of dense plum, dark berries, subtle spicy vanilla and lifted nuances of preserved guava. An impeccable integration of new and old oak give a medium body, terrific palate penetration and purity, and fine-grained tannins. The Mystae 2005 is a well balanced and seductive wine that displays alluring length.

ENJOY FROM: 8-10+ years from vintage



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