

# TWR

TE WHARE RA



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## TE WHARE RA 2021 TORU

### SINGLE VINEYARD 5182

TORU (which means “three” in Māori) is an aromatic blend we first created in 2006 and has now become one of our flagship wines. Toru was the first of its kind in New Zealand - it is a delicious, co-fermented “field blend” of three varieties - Gewürztraminer, Riesling and Pinot Gris. We are passionate about these classic Alsatian varieties and we spent a great deal of time coming up with the right proportions in the blend. We were aiming for a wine that displayed the essence of all three varieties, whilst creating a distinctive and interesting wine in its own right, and co-fermentation is key to that result. It has the aromatic spice and fleshiness of Gewürztraminer, the line and length of Riesling, and the great texture of Pinot Gris. It is a great reflection of how well suited this vineyard is for aromatic whites, and we feel like it is a wine of place that pays homage to Te Whare Ra’s history over the last 40+ years of winegrowing.

**Winemaking:** All fruit for this wine was hand-picked and then hand-sorted. All parcels were destemmed, lightly crushed and then pressed, some parcels had lengthier skin-contact time. The wine was all co-fermented. Co-fermentation is an integral part of making Toru, as it makes the three varieties much more integrated with each other. This wine has not been fined and is suitable for vegans and vegetarians and anyone else who loves authentic, hand-made wines.

**Wine:** This 2021 Toru has an intriguing nose with notes of mango, fresh citrus, white florals and exotic spices. These lead into a multi-layered palate with flavours of mango, citrus, red apple and lychee with a lingering spiciness. The palate has excellent fruit concentration and weight with lovely creamy texture, plus a mineral edge which gives it great length of flavour.

**Vintage:** Over the spring of 2020 we experienced cold and wet conditions over flowering which led to some of the lowest crops we have ever seen in our 18 yrs here. Most of our crops were down at least 30% with some of the earlier flowering varieties down up to 50% on what we would usually have. The summer of 2021 that followed was warm, dry and even with no big heat spikes to push the ripening along too fast. We did not get the issues with extreme drought like we had in 2019 - so with a couple of timely rains, plus the more gentle summer conditions, that meant we had the first fruit coming into the winery late February (officially earliest ever start to harvest here!) and then we were all done by the end of March. The resultant wines have great depth of flavour and fleshiness with lovely purity of fruit, bright aromatics and ripe, juicy acidity.

This 2021 release of our “world famous” Toru field blend is delicious to drink now, and will also benefit from careful cellaring for 3 to 5 years.

### TECHNICAL DATA

<b>Fruit Source:</b>	TWR Home Block - various parcels	<b>Harvest Date:</b>	Various from 9th March
<b>Variety:</b>	Gewürztraminer 52%, Riesling 25%, Pinot Gris 23%		to 18th April 2021
		<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	6.0g/L
		<b>Production:</b>	532 cases

Alc 13.1% vol

pH 3.33

TA 5.5 g/L