

BLACK HILLS ESTATE WINERY

2021 IPSO FACTO



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 growing season got off to a slow start with a cool and damp spring and flowering period. However, a dry and warm July, August and September allowed the vines to quickly be able to make up for lost time. With smaller than average crop levels and perfect ripening conditions from September through to Thanksgiving, the fruit was able to achieve excellent flavour and phenolic ripeness, and was harvested with high levels of concentration and aromatic intensity. An outstanding vintage that has produced bold red wines that are full of character.

TASTING NOTES

Ipsos Facto is Black Hills expression of opulence. This blend of Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon from the hot 2021 vintage gave us amazing ripeness to work with, yet the utmost care was taken to retain freshness. A bombastic nose of all manner of bramble, a hint of plum and dark chocolate, all supported by sweet baking spice and subtle eucalyptus. A dense and voluminous palate follows with concentrated dark fruits and fine, silky tannins. Punctuated with a vibrant acidity that keeps everything in check and a long finish of decadent fruit and subtle spice. Will benefit from decanting when young or cellaring 3-5 years.

WINEMAKING

Harvesting: Hand harvested, bunch sorted, destemmed leaving whole berries.

Fermentation: Fermented in barrel with wild yeast.

Maturation: 18 months in French oak barriques (returned after pressing), 78% new oak.

Cases produced: 471

ABV: 14.5% **PH:** 4.0 **TA:** 5.7 **RS:** 0.2

BLEND

54% Syrah

46% Cabernet Sauvignon