

NEW ZEALAND WINE

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Why make these wines? Some call them "orange", others will have them labelled as "natural". My take is that of a journeyman winegrower, travelling to distant lands where the light, colour and culture is different. Where time passes at a different pace and food is a heritage shared by many on a long platform of multiple generations. It is about rhythm and the circumnavigation of the planet Saturn around the sun and how these 29 years set about a revised process of thoughts and values. The next generation, my children's age, want a different taste, something which is completely un-manipulated and doesn't leave a debt or burden on the planet.

So why Gewurztraminer and why Libiamo? Our Riverpoint Vineyard, in which the grapes for this wine are grown, is within breathing distance from the South Pacific Ocean and gives a saline haunt to this complex wine. The vines are collected from heritage vines repatriated back to where they initially came. Libiamo is a tribute to Verde's opera, La Traviata, the cast singing with gusto and swaying with harmony, forever clasping a glass of wine. With Love and Gratitude.

## Notes from the Winemaker:

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Wine from BioGro Certified Organic and Demeter Certified Biodynamic Grapes.

**Total Acidity:** 5.4*g*/*l p***H:** 3.97

Alcohol: 14.0% Vol Residual Sugar: Nil

**Skin Contact:** 78 days Added SO2: 40mg/l

Harvest Date: 27th March 2014

Bottled: 7th Oct 2014 Released: 1st May 2016