

The Destiny Bay wine you own has been handled with great care from the time the grapes were grown, vinified, bottled and cellared at Destiny Bay Vineyards. To protect your investment and ensure that you enjoy this wine for many years, please consider the following:

Temperature & Breathing

Minor temperature changes dramatically impact the flavour and aroma of wine. Our wine should be served between 18-20°C. Also, the practice of uncorking, decanting and allowing the wine to breathe prior to serving is essential. We recommend allowing our wine to breathe for one to three hours. Typically, the older the wine, the less time it needs to breathe prior to serving.

Cellar Temperature & Storage

Wine should be stored horizontally in dark conditions of 10-15° 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 dark is an alternative. Never store fine wine in a rack above the refrigerator or stove, or in other warm places.

Initial Ageing

Wine opened in the first few years after release will not have reached full potential. The difference between opening a bottle today and a few years from now will be substantial. If you choose to open a bottle sooner we recommend allowing the wine to “rest” for a few weeks after it is received.

Cork Closures

Our research has shown that wines which are cellared for more than two years 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 9 372-9300 or patron@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.