CRAGGY RANGE



Ben Tombs
Winemaker

Hailing from Marlborough, Ben worked summers in the vineyards as a teen before plunging into his first harvest at Wither Hills straight after finishing high school. After two years in the cellar, Ben received coveted scholarships from the Bragato Research Institute as he embarked on a Bachelor of Wine Science in Hawke's Bay, graduating with an Academic Excellence Award. His journey in the world of wine saw him complete numerous vintages across renowned wine regions, including Burgundy, Oregon, Yarra Valley, Hermitage, and Hunter Valley, before basing himself in Central Otago at Peregrine Wines, where he was the Assistant Winemaker for 4-years.

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