



Hugo Koha Lindsay
Mineral Spirit
19 June – 19 July

Envy is proud to present Hugo Koha Lindsay's first solo exhibition in Pōneke Wellington. *Mineral Spirit* is an attempt to navigate the relationship between the legible and illegible, and what it means to remove or erase the power of language.

Derived from an old dinner song popularised by colonial settlers in the Taranaki region from the 1800's, the works borrow from the song whilst obfuscating and repeating the vowel movements of both English and Te Reo Māori languages. Using paint as an exploration into the erasure of language and histories, the works are torn apart and re-arranged, navigating the complexities of co-existing world views, information, interpretation and meaning. Taking visual references from early 20th century school room aesthetics, musical scores and modernist painting movements, the works form a visual milieu reconciling the past with the present.

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Hugo Koha Lindsay (Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Maru), b. 1987, lives in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland. He graduated with a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Auckland in 2017 and since then has exhibited regularly. He has won the Molly Morpeth Canaday Painting and Drawing Award, twice been a Merit Award winner in the Parkin Drawing Prize, won an artist residency in Switzerland and been a finalist in other awards. He appears courtesy of Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland.