



NEW ZEALAND WINE
SINCE 1916

WINEMAKERS' RESERVE:

Hawke's Bay Merlot 2013

This stylish Merlot is produced from a special selection of grapes grown in the stony soils of our Irongate vineyard in the Gimblett Gravels region of Hawke's Bay. It displays an attractive wealth of berry fruit and plum aromas, balanced by full-flavoured, soft tannin finish.



INFORMATION

Grape Varieties	Merlot
Region	Hawke's Bay
Sub region	Gimblett Gravels
Vineyard/s	Gimblett Road
Clonal selection	6
Harvest method	De-stemmed at harvest.
Harvest dates	26 th March
Harvest Analysis	24.2 Brix; pH 3.44; TA 4.5g/L
Processing	Crush. Pre-ferment skin soak
Fermentation vessel	Stainless steel
Fermentation	Various yeast species. Extended skin contact.
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	14 months in barrique. 20% new French Oak
Fining	Egg Whites



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TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.5%
TA	6.1 g/l
pH	3.52
Residual sugar	Dry

WINEMAKER NOTES

Nose

Dark sweet and warm with plum and liquorish/ chocolate notes.

Palate

Big and fleshy with fine coating tannins, the palate is ripe and plummy with dried fruit elements and cedar. A harmonious wine with charm. Minimal handling - a harmless tartrate sediment may form - best decanted.

Recommended food

The sweet-fruited soft finish makes it an ideal partner for ratatouille, or equally as good with Italian-style meatballs in a garlicky tomato sauce.

Recommended cellaring 2-10 years

First vintage 1999

AWARDS

SILVER MEDAL NZ International Wine Show 2014

4 STARS Winestate Magazine, Nov/Dec 2015 issue



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