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# Hawke's Bay Merlot Cabernet 2017



Specially selected from our estate-owned vineyards throughout the Hawke's Bay region, we combine soft Merlot with robust Cabernet Sauvignon resulting in a full flavoured dry red with easy drinking appeal.

## INFORMATION

<b>Grape Varieties</b>	Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon & Malbec
<b>Region</b>	Hawke's Bay
<b>Clonal selection</b>	Merlot: UDC6, 181, & 481. Cabernet Sauvignon: UCD8, LC10, 15, 169, & KMV15. Malbec: BDX595, & 1056.
<b>Harvest method</b>	Machine
<b>Harvest Dates</b>	Various
<b>Harvest Analysis</b>	Various
<b>Processing</b>	Crushed & destemmed. No cold soak.
<b>Fermentation vessel</b>	Stainless steel tank
<b>Fermentation</b>	On skins with careful cap management to avoid over extraction. A period in tank post ferment to aid integration of tannins.
<b>Malolactic</b>	Yes
<b>Fining</b>	Gelatine
<b>Filtration</b>	Yes



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TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	12.5%
TA	5.3 g/L
pH	3.67
Residual sugar	3.2g/L

WINEMAKER NOTES

### Tasting Note

Deeply coloured, with berry, plum and a touch of anise. – well rounded finish.

### Recommended food

An ideal partner for an antipasto platter featuring a range of salami and smoked meats, or any meaty casserole, like lamb shanks.

**Recommended cellaring** 7 years

AWARDS

**SILVER MEDAL** China Wine & Spirits Awards 2019



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