



WINEMAKERS' RESERVE

Hawke's Bay Merlot

2016

This stylish Merlot is produced from a special selection of grapes grown in the stony soils of our Irongate vineyard in the Hawke's Bay sub-region, Gimblett Gravels.

Supple and sweet-fruited with savoury complexity, balanced by a full-flavoured, soft tannin finish.



LASTING CHARACTER



WINEMAKER NOTES

Dark Doris plum, sweet with vanilla, spice and a touch of oak.

Supple and sweet fruited with a savoury complexity. Good volume and length with a warm cocoa note lingering on the finish.

FOOD RECOMMENDATION

A hearty wine that complements flavoursome casseroles, beef, lamb and other full-bodied dishes.

AWARDS

4.5 STARS

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INFORMATION

First Vintage	2001
Grape Variety	Merlot
Region	Hawke's Bay
Clonal Selection	UCD6 & BDX2096
Harvest Method	Machine - de-stemmed in field
Harvest Dates	29th March
Harvest Analysis	22.5 brix; pH 3.49; TA 6.0g/L
Processing	Crushed. Pre-ferment skin soak
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless steel - open vats
Fermentation	Hand plunged - 19 days skin contact.
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	12 months in French oak - 25% new.
Fining	Gelatine
Filtration	Yes

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.5%
TA	5.7g/L
pH	3.6
Residual Sugar	Dry