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# Hawke's Bay Merlot Cabernet 2024

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



LASTING CHARACTER



## WINEMAKER NOTES

Warm and exuberant nose of plum, boysenberry, raspberry and raisins. Integrated oak with touches of vanilla and cedar and also leather. Enticing.

Warm and opulent. Ripe fruits - plums, blackberry - along with cinnamon and chocolate notes. Mouth filling, soft and fresh with fine tannins and lingering red liquorish.

## FOOD RECOMMENDATION

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

## AWARDS

95 POINTS - New World Wine Awards 2026



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## INFORMATION

First Vintage	Late 1970s
Grape Variety	58% Merlot; 28% Cabernet Sauvignon; 14% Malbec
Region	Hawke's Bay
Clonal Selection	Various
Harvest Method	Machine
Harvest Dates	Various
Harvest Analysis	Various
Processing	Crush and de-stemmed. No cold soak.
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless steel tank
Fermentation	On skins with careful cap management to avoid over extraction. A period in tank post ferment to aid integration of tannins.
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	With French Oak
Fining	Yeast Protein
Filtration	Yes

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	14.0%
TA	5.5 g/L
pH	3.73
Residual Sugar	0.3g/L