



FAMILY RESERVE

Hawke's Bay Merlot Cabernet

2024

This full-flavoured Merlot Cabernet red blend comes from specially selected from our estate-owned vineyards throughout the Hawke's Bay region, resulting in a warm enticing opulent wine.



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 liquorice.

FOOD RECOMMENDATION

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

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INFORMATION

First Vintage	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 Tanks
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	5.5g/L
pH	3.73
Residual Sugar	Dry

