

BABICH

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
90 POINTS - WineOrbit.co.nz

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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