



# Hãhã 2017 Hawke's Bay Merlot

## Variety

95% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon,

2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec.

#### Colour

Vibrant rich purple

#### Aroma

Plum, blackberry and hints of spice harmoniously blend with oak notes.

#### Palate

Medium bodied, this wine displays plum, wild berry and bramble, combined with a touch of cedar oak supported by a fine tannin structure.

## Analysis

Alcohol 13%

pH 3.48

Titratable Acidity 6.5 g/l

Residual Sugar 2 g/l

# Vineyard

The grapes are picked from elevated terraces from selected vineyards in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. The soils are ancient river beds with free draining stony soils and silty clay loams.

### Viticulture and Vinification

Predominantly Merlot grapes, the blend of varietals adds complexity to the overall wine structure and flavour profile. Predominantly spur pruned, 50% was aged in French oak barrels for 10 months.

## Vintage

A warm summer provided stunning flavours and structure.

## Food Matching

This wine is perfect with a steak on the barbeque, and tastes great with rich tomatobased pasta dishes.