

# 2022 Hawke's Bay Merlot

A vibrant and juicy Merlot with blackcurrant, raspberry and rosemary notes. Rich and flavoursome with copious amount of fruit sweetness and a beautiful concentrated mouthfeel.

## Colour:

Vibrant red with violet hues.

## Aroma:

Fruit aromas of blackcurrant and raspberry with a touch of rosemary. A toasty oak nuance provides some background complexity.

## Palate:

The palate is rich and generous with a broad and soft mouthfeel. Subtle tannins with copious amounts of fruit sweetness.

## Winemaking & Viticulture:

Vintage 2022 provided the warmest weather on record in New Zealand. This along with favourable rain post-flowering set up a fantastic fruit crop for our 2022 wines. An early and compact harvest coupled with hard work allowed our talented winemakers to produce fabulous wines that rival the last two years vintages with well balanced flavour and acidity.

Parcels of fruit were individually harvested, crushed at the winery and inoculated with selected yeasts for fermentation. Post fermentation, the wine was pressed to oak and underwent malolactic fermentation and aging for nine months on light lees.

## Wine Analysis:

Alcohol 13 % v/v - Residual sugar <1 g/L - Acidity 5.7 g/L - pH 3.61

## Food Match:

Perfect with rich tomato based pasta and any kind of chocolate dessert.



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