



# MERLOT

HAWKE'S BAY  
2025

## VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2025 harvest in Hawke's Bay was one to remember. A warm, dry spring set the stage with excellent flowering and an early start to the growing season. While summer brought cooler conditions, the fruit developed beautifully, leading to one of the earliest harvests we've seen. The quality of the grapes has been outstanding - vibrant, balanced, and full of character.

## KEY VINEYARDS

Our Merlot is grown in vineyards across the Hawke's Bay region where the climate and free draining alluvial soils are renowned for Merlot.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were crushed, destemmed, and cold-soaked before fermentation with select yeasts, with gentle plunging twice daily for depth and structure. After pressing and malolactic fermentation, the wine matured in French oak before blending, light clarification, and bottling, capturing a rich, vibrant Hawke's Bay Merlot.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 13%

pH: 3.56

Acidity: 5.7 g/L

Residual Sugar: <1 g/L

## TASTING NOTES

Rich and vibrant, this juicy expression of Hawke's Bay Merlot is bursting with blackcurrant and subtle herba-ceous aromas, layered with a touch of cocoa and five spice. Smooth and silky tannins lead to a generously rich and savoury finish.

## FOOD MATCH

The bold flavours of this Merlot are splendid alongside Mediterranean-style grilled lamb with garlic and herbs.

