



Vineyard Selection

HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT 2019

VINEYARD REGION

Hawke's Bay
Predominantly from Bridge Pa wine sub-region.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

2019 will go down as one of the great Hawke's Bay vintages. Moderate flowering and fruit set in November and December set up the vines for moderate yields which in turn means high quality fruit with intense flavour. Superb weather in early 2019 lasted ensuring harvesting of small, concentrated berries with superb flavour.

WINEMAKING

After selective harvesting fruit was immediately taken to the winery where it was gently pressed. A short cold soak was undertaken to build mouthfeel and colour, followed by a hot ferment to maximise flavour. Following fermentation the wine was left to rest and mature in used French oak for six months.

NOSE

Juicy damson plum, bright red currant, alluring mocha spice and a hint of vanilla.

PALATE

From its enticing fragrance, this Merlot delivers soft, elegant fruit intensity. The purity of its ripe fruit is enhanced by soft tannin.

WINE ANALYSIS: **Alc/Vol:** 13.5% | **pH:** 3.66 | **TA:** 5.5 g/L | **RS:** 2 g/L

WINEMAKER: Nikolai St George, four-time winner of New Zealand Winemaker of the Year

FOOD MATCH: This Merlot is perfect to enjoy with an easy beef burger dinner, or for a serious evening serve it alongside beef Wellington.

