

MERLOT 2022

MARLBOROUGH

A generous Merlot with perfumed plum, spice and delicious notes of mocha, a delectable smooth and supple wine.

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VINEYARD REGION Bridge Pa Triangle, Woodthorpe and Moteo sub-regions, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand

VINTAGE This maritime-influenced region typically enjoys CONDITIONS consistent warm weather during the growing season. A wet winter ensured vines had enough water through the growing season, with settled weather during flowering aiding fruit set. Despite late-season rainfall, weather throughout the growing season was warm and settled. Chief Winemaker, Duncan Shouler remarked that 2022 will be an excellent vintage for Hawke's Bay Merlot.

WINEMAKING After selective harvesting, fruit was immediately taken to the winery and transferred to red fermentation tanks. A short cold soak was undertaken to build mouthfeel and colour, followed by a hot ferment to maximise flavour. Following fermentation the wine was matured on a blend of French, Hungarian and American oak for six months.

FOOD MATCH Grilled lamb chops with rosemary and garlic.

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 12% | PH: 3.45 | TA: 6.2 g/L | RS: 3.4 g/L

CHIEF WINEMAKER Juncan Shouler

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