2022 Hawke's Bay **Merlot**

Our Estate wines showcase distinctive regional varieties which are generous, smooth, relaxing and most of all taste great. Treat yourself or enjoy with family and friends.

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

Where I'm From

Hawke's Bay, New Zealand

How I'm Grown

This maritime-influenced region typically enjoys 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.

How I'm Made

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.

The Techy Stuff

Alc $12\% \cdot pH 3.45 \cdot TA 6.2 g/l \cdot Residual Sugar 3.4 g/l$

Match Me With...

Slow cooked beef brisket, shitake mushrooms and Asian greens.

