2024 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

For the 2023/4 growing season, we saw the change to an El Nino-driven weather system, resulting in dryness to the East of New Zealand. The North Island's eastern growing region is rebounding after Cyclone Gabrielle in 2023. Vintage 2024 was low yielding, but timely rainfall through the growing season helped ensure vines stayed in excellent condition, culminating in ideal weather during harvest.

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 13% • pH 3.6 • TA 5.8 g/l • Residual Sugar $4.5\,\mathrm{g/l}$

Match Me With...

Slow cooked beef brisket, shitake mushrooms and Asian greens.

