

TW Merlot - 2022



Release Date:

Harvest Date:

Bottling Date:

Grape Variety: Merlot

Region: Gisborne

Brief Description

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Winemakers

Anita Ewart-Croy and Ross Mirko

Winemakers Notes

Exceptionally timed harvest after a challenging season, the grapes were quickly delivered to the winery and then gently destemmed. Partially crushed berries were then plunged twice daily in a small open fermenter while complexity enhancing yeast conducted the ferment. Once dry, the skins were pressed from the wine, and the wine was transferred to American and French barriques for malolactic fermentation. After 9 months maturation in barrel, the wine was gently fined before being filtered and bottled.

pH: 3.67

Alcohol Content: 12.5%

Residual Sugar: 3g/L

Total Acidity: 6.3g/L

Brix at Harvest: 21.5

Cellaring Recommendation:

This wine will offer complex development over the next 5 years.

Food Match:

A perfect partner with Wagyu short rib, smoked brisket, oily rich ragu and excellent antipasti.