

RED 2023

HAWKE'S BAY VINEYARD

Deep ruby in colour, the bouquet is inviting and complex, revealing aromas of blackcurrant and dark berry fruits layered with warm baking spices, roasted chestnut and subtle cedar notes.

The palate is soft and supple, offering generous blackcurrant and dark plum flavours with a finely balanced structure underpinning the wine. Dry, brambly notes add savoury complexity, while sweet oak integration provides texture and warmth through the mid-palate. Elegant and approachable in its youth, the wine finishes with lingering dark fruit, spice and refined tannins.

VITICULTURE \

Sub blocks are selected at our Maraekakaho vineyard to grow low yield crops. Management for our high tier wines starts with pruning. The vines are manicured from then onwards, with crop thinning to one bunch per cane and a manual leaf pluck prior to veraison. The canopy is kept open to provide for airflow and sun exposure. At optimum ripeness we hand harvest selected rows.

WINEMAKING \

Whole bunches are destemmed and pass through our optical grape sorting machine and then crushed to a closed fermenter. After a period of cold soak we inoculate with a preferred yeast. Temperatures are then managed to reach about 30°C. Malo-lactic conversion takes place during maceration in tank which can take up to 35 days. We aim for about 40% new French oak barriques, élevage in barrels can take up to 18 months with final barrel selection and blending prior to bottling. This wine was bottled without fining after a light filtration.

BEST DRINKING \

This wine will improve with cellaring. Recommended drinking from mid-2024 till 2034

BLEND \

Merlot 47%
Cabernet Sauvignon 32%
Cabernet Franc 21%

ALCOHOL \

Alcohol 14% alc

FOOD MATCH \

Grilled Lamb
Roast Beetroot and Feta Salad
Dark Chocolate

