

# MERLOT 2018

#### HAWKE'S BAY

The 2018 vintage in Hawke's Bay was one of the warmest summers on record, allowing for superb conditions for ripening Merlot.

#### WINEMAKING

The grapes for this wine were harvested from exceptional areas within Hawke's Bay.

Each parcel of fruit was fermented in small batches, using traditional Bordeaux methods. A small portion was selected for partial barrel fermentation to add complexity. The wine was matured for 18 months, under different oak regimes.

### AROMA/PALATE

A lovely dense yet exquisitely structured and warmly textured Merlot. The soft tannins produce an approachable style, designed to complement any fine dining experience.



## TOP FOOD MATCHES

This is the wine to have when you don't know what to drink. Partnering easily with a broad range of foods like duck, pasta and dishes with rich gravies. Try: Mediterranean Lamb Burgers Mushroom Risotto Braised Ox-Tail with Polenta

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alc/Vol	13%
рН	3.71
Total Acidity	5.79 g/l
Residual Sugar	0.23 g/l

Rich with vibrant dark plum, cigar box and chocolate notes - delicious.

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