



2013 Elephant Hill Reserve Merlot Cabernet

In 2013 we had fantastic growing conditions and an exceptional vintage allowing us to make a Reserve wine which we last made in 2009. The wine is a blend of 64% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Malbec. Careful hand-picking over 6 separate days ranging from 13 March to 17 April ensured only the ripest fruit was harvested. The grapes come from our Gimblett Vineyard (78%) and our Triangle Vineyard (22%).

The Cabernet Sauvignon was vinified in open top oak cuves and the Merlot in stainless steel open top fermenters. It was then aged in French oak for 15 months with 40% in new oak.

With aromas of blackberries and a palate showing notes of plum, cassis, tobacco and cedar; this is a full-bodied Bordeaux-style blend. It has complexity, depth and a long finish with good tannin structure showing the quality of the vintage. It is a wine that will age very well for 10+ years.



Reviews

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| • Bob Campbell MW | 95 points |
| • Michael Cooper | 5 stars |
| • Winestate Magazine, Aus/NZ | 5 stars |
| • Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, NZ | 5 stars & 96 points |
| • Raymond Chan Wine Reviews, NZ | 5 stars & 19/20 points |
| • Joelle Thomson (www.joellethomson.com) | 5 stars |

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