

2018 reds & 2019 whites
Icon & Limited Edition

Annual Vintage Release Offer



Elephant Hill

2018
AIRAVATA
SYRAH

HAWKE'S BAY · NEW ZEALAND

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SALOMÉ
CHARDONNAY

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Welcome to the 2021 release of our Icons and Limited Edition wines,

The 2018 and 2019 vintages are the first two in a run of exceptional years for Hawke's Bay wines.

When we are blessed by Mother Nature, the stars align and we get the perfect combination of benign Spring weather, with no frosts to damage young buds or shoots, followed by a warm and dry summer with just enough rain, leading to an Indian summer for the critical Autumn ripening period where settled mild weather helps build up the layers of flavours and sugars in the grapes, before a ideal harvest in dry conditions. These conditions do not occur every year, but when they do, we are able to produce our top tiers of wines: Icon and Limited Edition.

In this offer we are pleased to release our 2018 reds, two in the Icon range: **Hieronymus** and **Airavata** which are the absolute pinnacles of Elephant Hill's Bordeaux style red blends, and Syrah, respectively. These are the most hedonistic and refined expressions of these varieties that we produce.

And three 2018 Stone reds in our Limited Edition range: a **STONE Syrah**, and rare bottlings of **STONE Cabernet Sauvignon** and **STONE Cabernet Franc**. Our Stone wines all come from our Gimblett Gravels vineyard and they are wines that really reflect the place they were grown, they are a voice of the vineyard, distinctive and characterful. 2018 was a phenomenal year for the Cabernet varieties so we decided to bottle small volumes of the two single varietals Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc separately, as the wines were simply so good we did not want to blend them all into the Hieronymus.

For Chardonnay lovers, we have our two 2019 whites; **Salomé** from the Icon range and the **SEA Chardonnay**. Both wines were produced in limited volumes this year with the Salomé being the 'best of the best' of our Chardonnay, our most luxurious bottling, While the Sea Chardonnay is a unique and distinctive expression of this variety grown in our coastal vineyard by the Pacific Ocean, with more freshness, saline and oyster shell characters weaved into the wine. Something for everyone...

Whatever might interest you, do take advantage of this offer while the wines remain available.

Enjoy the wines now or cellar somewhere safe for years to come.

2019 Salomé

Variety	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard	78% Earth (Bridge Pa Triangle) 22% Sea (Te Awanga)
Oak	28% new French barrique
Ageing	12 months
Production	110 cases
Cellar till	2030
RRP	\$75.00

The Icon range is the pinnacle of our winemaking. They are fine and rare wines made in strictly limited quantities.

Salomé Chardonnay is named after a famous ancestor of the Weiss family, who own Elephant Hill. Maria Salome Ebner von Eschenbach lived near Nuremburg in Germany in the early 1700s.

Hand-harvested Chardonnay grapes were whole bunch pressed and the juice briefly settled before being racked into a selection of French Burgundy barriques. Fermented with indigenous wild yeasts. Extended time on lees added textural elements before a limited bottling of this excellent vintage for Chardonnay.



Wine critics notes & scores

Fantastic bouquet, intense and seductive, fruity and complex with aromas of cashew nut and smoky oak, new wood and baked stone fruits, vanilla and burnt butter, some honey and leesy spice layers. On the palate - full bodied, full flavoured, rich and intense, complex and intriguing, textured and engaging. A delicious wine that's more than just a mouthful - with fine wood tannins, a lees spice, a core of fruit and velvet cream texture. Best drinking from 2022 through 2028+

97 points, Cameron Douglas MS

From the Triangle and Te Awanga vineyards, this wine is only produced in exceptional vintages like 2019. Rich, creamy chardonnay with citrus, grapefruit, peach, ginger, toasted nut, hazelnut and spicy oak flavours. This is an exceptional chardonnay with promising cellaring potential.

96 points, Bob Campbell MW

Immensely complex and engaging, the bouquet shows apricot, grapefruit, subtle flint, spicy oak and oatmeal characters, followed by a powerfully concentrated palate offering outstanding depth and persistency. Seductive and plush, while remaining structured and harmonious. At its best: now to 2031.

95 points, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

This is a taut and complex Chardonnay of strength and elegance, packed with details of lemon, pineapple, minerality and toasty oak elements, on a powerful drive with balanced acidity.

95 points, Candice Chow

Bright, light lemon/green, with a highly fragrant, complex bouquet, it is mouthfilling and vibrantly fruity, with ripe stone-fruit flavours, showing excellent delicacy and concentration, finely integrated toasty oak, fresh acidity, and a poised, tightly structured, long finish. A classic cellaring style, it should break into full stride 2023+.

5 stars, Michael Cooper

2018 Hieronymus

Varieties	58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec
Vineyard	100% Stone (Gimblett Gravels)
Oak	70% new French barrique
Ageing	22 months
Production	350 cases
Cellar till	2039
RRP	\$120.00

The Icon range is the pinnacle of our winemaking. They are fine and rare wines made in strictly limited quantities.

Our top Cabernet Merlot blend is named after a famous ancestor of the Weiss family, who own Elephant Hill, Hieronymus Ebner von Eschenbach, Lord Mayor of Nuremberg 1512-1524.

The grapes were hand harvested from very low yielding vines, over ten separate picks, hand sorted in the vineyard and again in the winery, then fermented in separate batches in wooden cives before draining to barrel without pressing.

Matured in French oak barriques and bottled with minimal fining and filtration.



Wine critics notes & scores

Incredible perfume and concentration with aromas of dark berries and spice, smoked vanilla, clove and all-spice with sweet new wood scents and a core of sun-baked stones. As the wine touches the palate a flavour explosion unfolds with a deep core of fruit, ripeness and concentration. Blackcurrant and blackberry, cassis and preserved plums, there's a dark violet and boot-polish inky quality then flavours of baked bell-pepper and tobacco.

98 points, Cameron Douglas MS

Offering precision and impeccable detail, as well as profound power and presence, the wine is packed with crème de cassis, sweet cherry, cigar box and espresso characters with a charming floral overtone. Substantial and sophisticated with an immensely long engaging finish.

97 points, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Deep crimson. Beautiful blackcurrant, blackberry aromas with roasted chestnut, herb garden notes. Well concentrated blackcurrant dark cherry, blackberry, fruits, fine gravelly tannins and vanilla/mocha/roasted chestnut oak. Finishes firm with a beautiful long gravelly/ chalky plume. Superb wine.

97 points, Andrew Caillard MW

A flagship blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and merlot from the Gimblett Gravels district. Dense, heroic red with dark chocolate, mocha, cassis, dried fruits and mixed spice flavours. A long-distance runner that will repay cellaring. Aerate before serving.

96 points, Bob Campbell MW

97 points, Candice Chow

93 points, Joe Czerwinski

93 points, James Suckling

93 points, Anne Krebiehl MW

92 points, Andrew Jefford

5 stars, Michael Cooper

2018 Airavata

Variety	100% Syrah
Vineyard	83% Stone (Gimblett Gravels) 17% Earth (Bridge Pa Triangle)
Oak	60% new French barrique
Ageing	20 months
Production	600 cases
Cellar till	2038
RRP	\$120.00

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Our top Syrah is named after the King-God of Elephants called Airavata, the scared white elephant in Hindu mythology.

Hand-picked Syrah from low yielding vines was batch fermented, with regular hand plunging, for 14-21 days before draining to barrel, some new, some seasoned for an extended period of maturation, with no racking of barrels.

Bottled with very minimal fining and filtration.



Wine critics notes & scores

A complex wine that delivers on intensity and power as much as it does variety, spice, a core of fruit and layers of flavour and mouthfeel. Red currant and raspberry, red licorice and barrel spices of clove and bacon. Firm youthful tannins and a backbone of acidity hold all the flavours in place ready to age and harmonise. This wine may be three years young already but will age well for the next 3-5 years before it is complete. Be quick! Buy now and cellar till late 2024 and enjoy through 2030+

97 points, Cameron Douglas MS

This compelling Syrah, shows dark berry, smoky bacon, tapenade, elegant oak and subtle cocoa aromas, leading to a graciously opulent palate offering outstanding depth and concentration. Multi-layered and seamless with a totally seductive finish. At its best: 2024 to 2040.

97 points, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Flagship Syrah from the Gimblett Gravels district. Elegance on a grand scale with violet, floral, plum, dark cherry and berry, black pepper and spicy oak flavours. Surprisingly accessible but with plenty of cellaring potential.

96 points, Bob Campbell MW

This is a well-structured, taut Syrah with considerably fine tannin structure, mineral complexity and opulent fruit. Match with venison loins and wild boar over the next 10-15 years.

96 points, Candice Chow

An emerging star. Deeply coloured, with a fragrant, slightly earthy bouquet, it is mouthfilling, savoury and supple, with deep, plummy, spicy flavours, showing excellent ripeness, complexity and harmony. Still youthful, but already delicious, it's well worth cellaring to 2023+.

5 stars, Michael Cooper

Wine critics notes & scores

Beneath the initial aromas of sweet French oak and raw cashew nut, a whiff of white smoke and baking spice lies a core of pure white and yellow fleshed stone fruits. Apricot and peach, ripe red apple and grapefruit. A complex youthful bouquet. On the palate - a wine of texture then flavour, dry and weighty, a coarse silk texture with acidity and freshness, a moment of gun-flint then fine tannins and flavours of fruit that reflect the bouquet. Complex, balanced, youthful and well made. Best drinking from 2022 through 2028+.

96 points, Cameron Douglas MS

Wonderfully fruited and gorgeously complex, showing golden peach, baked fig, vanillin oak and brioche characters on the nose with a hint of lemon zest. The palate displays excellent weight and richly textured mouthfeel, backed by bright acidity, finishing impressively long and satisfying. At its best: now to 2027.

95 points, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Intense, elegant chardonnay with an appropriately saline oyster-shell character together with citrus, lemon curd, green apple and subtle nutty oak flavours. Nice purity and impressive power.

95 points, Bob Campbell MW

This elegant Chardonnay is refined and persistent with the delicate complexity of barrel fermentation and coastal influence. Match with crayfish and grilled calamari over the next 5-8 years.

95 points, Candice Chow

Estate-grown at Te Awanga, the very stylish 2019 vintage (5*) was fermented and matured for a year in French oak barriques (30 per cent new). Bright, light lemon/green, it is fragrant and youthful, with citrusy, mealy, biscuity flavours, fresh acidity, and impressive complexity, delicacy, vigour and intensity. A classic cellaring style, it's well worth cellaring to 2023+

5 stars, Michael Cooper

2019 SEA Chardonnay

Variety	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard	100% Sea (Te Awanga)
Oak	30% new French barrique
Ageing	12 months
Production	75 cases
RRP	\$59.00

The Limited Edition releases comprise our single vineyard element wines of 'EARTH', 'SEA' & 'STONE'.

The SEA wines are grown beside the winery at Te Awanga, within a couple hundred metres of the Pacific Ocean. The coastal influence produces wines that are refreshing and beautifully aromatic, with a distinct, saline mineral edge.

The Chardonnay grapes were hand harvested, then whole-bunch pressed and the juice briefly settled before being run to new and seasoned French oak barrique to mature for a year. Minimal malolactic fermentation. Extra time spent on lees adds to the mid palate richness and texture while balancing the wine's racy freshness.

Strictly limited volumes were bottled from the fabulous 2019 vintage.



Wine Critics Notes & Scores

TROPHYWINNER – Red Blends Cabernet Sauvignon dominant

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This is a serious Cabernet Sauvignon that displays varietal characters, fine use of oak and a strong sense of place expression.

96 points, Candice Chow

Classically structured and concentrated, the wine shows cassis, floral, tobacco and spicy oak aromas on the nose, followed by a superbly weighted palate displaying stunning fruit intensity combined with spicy nuances, finishing wonderfully persistent and sturdy. At its best: now to 2036.

96 points, Sam Kim

Deep-tinted and tantalisingly aromatic cabernet sauvignon with cassis, dark berry, dried herb, black olive, chocolate-mocha and spicy oak flavours. Can be appreciated now but will clearly benefit from careful cellaring.

95 points, Bob Campbell MW

Flavours of black currant then tart blackberry, tobacco and dried hay along with salivating and lightly salty mouthfeel counter-balance tannins with ease and allows the flavours of cassis and violets to ease through on the finish. A dark chocolate note on the finish layers in even more complexity and intrigue. Ready for drinking from 2023 through 2030

95 points, Cameron Douglas MS

Well worth discovering, the finely crafted 2018 vintage was estate-grown in the Gimblett Gravels and matured for nearly two years in French oak barriques. Deeply coloured, it is fragrant and full-bodied, with rich, ripe blackcurrant, plum, spice and nut flavours, and refined, supple tannins. A concentrated, intensely varietal and highly approachable red, it's already delicious.

5 stars, Michael Cooper



2018 STONE Cabernet Sauvignon

Variety	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard	100% Stone (Gimblett Gravels)
Oak	55% new French barrique
Ageing	22 months
Production	110 cases
Cellar to	2032
RRP	\$59.00

The Limited Edition releases comprise our single vineyard element wines of 'EARTH', 'SEA' & 'STONE'.

The STONE wines are grown at our vineyard within the renowned Gimblett Gravels Wine Growing District. This inland sub-region is formed on deep beds of pure gravel and silt beside the Ngaruroro River. The rocky soils, which retain and radiate heat from the sun, ripens the classic red varieties well to produce mid-full bodied, richly flavoured, precise and well-structured wines with beautifully pure fruit characteristics.

The grapes were hand harvested from very low yielding vines, hand sorted in the vineyard and in the winery, then fermented in separate batches, partly in wooden cives before draining to barrel without pressing. Matured in French oak barriques and bottled with minimal fining and filtration.

Strictly limited volumes were bottled from the 2018 vintage, which was exceptional for Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine Critics Notes & Scores

Top 10 Wines (In The World) to Try in 2022.

Margaret Rand, Hugh Johnson's Pocket wine Book 2022

Fragrant red cherry, chinotto aromas with hints of ginger and soy. Well concentrated and creamy textured with lovely complex raspberry espresso chinotto flavours, fine vigorous chalky tannins and roasted chestnut oak. Finishes chalky firm and sweet. Beautiful elegant wine with superb complexity and attack.

97 points, Andrew Caillard MW

Elegant, concentrated Syrah with violet, floral, ripe plum, black pepper, dried fruit and Christmas cake flavours. A mellow, supple wine that can be appreciated now but will repay cellaring.

95 points, Bob Campbell MW

Fabulous bouquet with aromas of dark red currants and raspberry, reminders of northern Rhone reds with scents of spiced meats and wild forest flora. Complex and engaging, youthful and long. An excellent example with best drinking from 2021 through 2028+

95 points, Cameron Douglas MS

It's exquisitely polished in its styling with perfumed aromas of Black Doris plum, blueberry, violet, clove and cedar on the nose, offering terrific fruit purity and elegance. Velvety, mouthfilling and super long on the finish with beautifully infused fine tannins. At its best: now to 2034.

95 points, Sam Kim

95 points, Candice Chow

93 points, Decanter

5 stars, Yvonne Lorkin

5 stars, Michael Cooper



2018 STONE Syrah

Varietal(s)	99% Syrah, 1% Viognier
Vineyard	100% Stone (Gimblett Gravels)
Oak	55% new French barrique
Ageing	21 months
Production	110 cases
Cellar to	2032
RRP	\$59.00

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The Syrah and Viognier grapes were co-fermented in wooden cuves. Just 1% of Viognier adds a beautiful aromatic lift to the final wine. Gentle hand plunging before ageing in French oak barrique and bottled with minimal filtration and no fining.

A dense, rich and multi-layered Syrah with elegance and exquisite balance. Drink now or keep.

Wine Critics Notes & Scores

This is an elegant Cabernet Franc with the depth of black fruit and herbaceous elements enriched by smoky cedar and a firm, fine-grained tannin structure. Match with herb-crusted lamb and beef wellington over the next 8+ years.

95 points, Candice Chow

This is a magnificent rendition of the variety, showing blackcurrant, dark cherry, thyme and cedary oak characters with a hint of game. The palate delivers gorgeously rounded mouthfeel and excellent power, together with beautifully polished mouthfeel and fine tannins, leading to a structured yet refined finish. At its best: now to 2036.

95 points, Sam Kim

A captivating bouquet with a touch of mystery and intrigue. Aromas of violets then black cherry, Ligurian olive and dark chocolate, baking spices and toasty barrel then a touch of sweet tobacco and dried herb. On the palate - fantastic with a concentration of flavours that meld the aromas together. Firm tannins and noticeable acid line, velvet and chalky mouthfeel with long finish. A delicious wine. Best drinking from late mid 2022 through 2030

95 points, Cameron Douglas MS

A 'serious' but highly approachable red in its youth. Deeply coloured and fragrant, it is mouthfilling, with highly concentrated, well-ripened blackcurrant, plum, spice and nut flavours, showing good complexity, and fine-grained tannins. A very age-worthy and harmonious wine, it should be at its best 2024+.

5 stars, Michael Cooper

Rich, earthy Cabernet Franc with concentrated, savoury, dried herb, dark berry and spice flavours supported by moderately firm tannins. A stylish wine from Elephant Hill's Gimblett Gravels vineyard.

94 points, Bob Campbell MW



2018 STONE Cabernet Franc

Varietal(s)	90% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot
Vineyard	100% Stone (Gimblett Gravels)
Oak	45% new French barrique
Ageing	22 months
Production	110 cases
Cellar to	2028
RRP	\$59.00

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Cabernet Franc is normally a component of our best red blends but the 2018 was so exceptional for this variety that we have bottled a one-off, small batch as a single varietal wine. It is an elegant and fragrant expression of the variety, and rarely produced.

Strictly limited volumes were bottled from the 2018 vintage, which was exceptional for Cabernet Franc.



2019 Salomé	\$75.00
2018 Hieronymus	\$120.00
2018 Airavata	\$120.00
2019 Sea Chardonnay	\$59.00
2018 Stone Cabernet Sauvignon	\$59.00
2018 Stone Syrah	\$59.00
2018 Stone Cabernet Franc	\$59.00

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