

# MAESTRO Merlot Malbec

## What the press say .....

### 2015

**93/100** This has an attractive melding of bright violet-like fragrance with rich, dark berry fruits. The merlot really has the upper hand: it's all regal tannins and pristine blueberry fruit flavours. **A superb mid-weight, flavorsome red.**  
- Nick Stock, [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com), USA

### 2009

**93/100** Jasmine-tinged blackberry and blackcurrant fruit here, with hints of crème de cassis, purple flowers, clove, macerated plums, milk chocolate and gently spiced oak. **It smells delicious. Smooth and svelte on the palate with beautifully detailed fruit, spice and meaty, smoky nuances.**  
- Nick Stock, [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com), USA

**95/100** **Attractive red wine with seductive sweet fruit and flavours** suggesting blackcurrant, coffee, chocolate and dried herbs. Rich, almost luscious wine with a long and gentle drying finish. This is the best vintage of this label I can recall tasting.  
- Bob Campbell MW, *Gourmet Traveller Wine*, Australia

★★★★★ ... **arguably the best yet.** Deep and youthful in colour, it is rich and flowing, with concentrated, beautifully ripe blackcurrant, plum, spice and coffee flavours, complex and finely structured. Drink now and over the next decade.  
- Michael Cooper, *Buyers Guide 2012*, NZ

★★★★★ **TOP TIP** - This is always a blockbuster of a wine and this 2009 vintage is as good as any. It has a dark, dense nose of plums with chocolate notes whilst the palate is stacked full of sweet, ripe juicy fruit that is concentrated and powerful and counterbalance to the bold tannins.  
- TizWine.com, NZ

### 2008

*No wine produced in this vintage*

### 2007

**91/100** "Hearty, rich and warming red in a mellow and flavoursome style. Some ripe plum and berry flavours contrast with more savoury, toasty, spicy notes. **A distinctive and characterful wine.**"  
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★★★★ "Drinking well now, this Waipara red is a blend of merlot (50%) and malbec (40%), with minor portions of cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc. Barrel-aged for two years, it is deeply coloured and fleshy, with generous, spicy, nutty flavours, **showing excellent complexity and richness.**"

- Michael Cooper, *Winestate, Australia*