



VILLA MARIA
NEW ZEALAND

EarthGarden



HAWKES BAY, ORGANIC

Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Tasting Note

Deep purple coloured hues lead to a perfumed nose of dark fruits, cocoa, sweet vanilla and clove spices. The full bodied palate is soft and generous with ripe fruit, silky tannins and a smooth finish.

Serving Suggestions

Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon blends are particularly good when paired with robust, full flavoured dishes both with red meat and without. Drink now or hold for up to 5-8 years when the wine will develop further complexity.

Viticulture

Our key focus is to be environmentally responsible and to operate using sustainable practices in order to protect the land for future generations. Villa Maria has farmed organically since 2002 gaining Biogro certification in 2009. Our Organic vineyards are vibrant gardens alive with wildflowers and full of life. The Soler and Te Awa Vineyards are planted on free draining gravel soils well suited to applying organic farming principles.

Season & Harvest

The 2021 vintage in Hawke's Bay followed an incredible summer, with our red grapes in particular experiencing superb conditions for ripening. Upon crushing, the grapes were fermented on skins with gentle handling to allow the infusion of flavours from the grapes into the resulting wine. Post fermentation, the wine was pressed to tank then barreled for aging before blending and bottling 12 months later.

Technical Details

VARIETIES: 84% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

PH: 3.73

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.3g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: Nil

This wine is vegan friendly and suitable for a plant-based diet.