

2013

HAWKE'S BAY

MERLOT

How it tastes

We don't care what they say, we know you can never have too much of a good thing, which is why we look forward to every vintage of Hawke's Bay Merlot. The hot dry growing season came to the party yet again to produce another tasty wine for our drinking pleasure. Vibrant aromas of Damson plum, blackcurrant and red berries with good concentration and firm, yet approachable tannins. This is a structured Merlot with broad shoulders, a fleshy mid-palate and natural fruit sweetness, we know we'll be back for a second round.

Cellaring

The ripeness of the fruit flavours leans this wine to early drinking, but cellaring for up to 3 years will see the fruits soften and give way to more pungent and savoury characters.

How we made it

Hawke's Bay had a fantastic 2013 vintage, which meant big smiles from the winemaking team when the merlot grapes arrived at the winery door. The fruit was de-stemmed and partially crushed into open top fermenters. The wine was then left on skins for a week to allow for further extraction and integration of the tannins.

Technical stuff

PH
3.52
Residual sugar
<1 grams per litre
Acidity
6.1 grams per litre

Grapes from:
Hawke's Bay
Variety:
100% Merlot
Alcohol: 13.5%



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