

## 2013 Mill Road Hawkes Bay Merlot Cabernet



The grapes for this wine were 100% grown in Hawkes Bay and are from two of our vineyards – Tantallon and Campbell Brook. These two vineyards consistently provide us with our best Bordeaux blend fruit.

Composition: Merlot 70%, Cabernet Sauvignon 23%, Malbec 5%, Cabernet Franc 2%  
Careful monitoring of the ripening process and close proximity to the winery allow for multiple picks across the block so we can achieve the perfect ripeness and blending options. The fruit for this wine was machine harvested. The fruit was crushed directly to the fermentation vessels.

Individual parcels of fruit were fermented separately – some in stainless steel tanks with pumping over and some in rotary fermenters. Following fermentation and extended maceration of up to 1 week the wine was pressed off. Some of the wine was tankered to our Katikati winery for maturation in stainless steel. The remainder was retained at our Riverview winery to be matured in oak. In each case, all the wine was inoculated for malolactic fermentation. The various parcels were blended in Katikati and given a traditional egg white fining.

pH	3.58
Acidity	5.6 g/L
Residual sugar	1.4 g/L
Alcohol	14.0 % v/v
Standard drinks	8.4

Allergens: Contains sulphites. Traditionally fined using egg and milk products, traces may remain.

Comments: The wine is a deep crimson red colour. The aroma shows dark plum, black currant and developed characters of vanilla, leather and spice. On the palate there is plum and spice with a solid tannin backbone and the finish has a hint of licorice.

Cellaring: Recommended for drinking now but may be cellared for up to 2 years.