

**LEVERET RESERVE HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT CABERNET
2014**

Heritage

Established in 1978, The Wine Portfolio combines the finest grapes with the best winemaking techniques, as well as passion from our dedicated winemakers. We have taken the boutique winery approach to winemaking by controlling the entire process—from grafting our own cuttings, developing our own vineyards and viticultural techniques and investing in the best technology possible.

Vineyard

This wine is entirely from grapes grown in our Tantallon Vineyard in Hawke's Bay.

Vinification

The grapes for this wine were harvested and transported to our Riverview winery. The fruit was gently crushed into open top fermenters and inoculated for fermentation. Caps management was by pumping over. Following fermentation and a short period of extended maceration, the wine was transferred to barrel for approximately 18 months maturation. The wine was then racked out of barrel and transferred to our Katikati winery for finishing and bottling.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

This wine shows aromas of blackcurrant, dark chocolate, mint and dried herb. The palate shows a seamless balance of fruit weight and tannins. The lengthy finish has notes of chocolate and leather.

Cellaring Potential

This wine is drinking well now but will reward cellaring for up to six years.

Region

Hawke's Bay

Analysis

Alcohol: 14% v/v

Residual Sugar: 0.4 g/L

Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.55

