

**LEVERET RESERVE HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT CABERNET  
2015**

**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**

Complex aromas of blackcurrant, mocha 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: 13.5% v/v  
Residual Sugar: 0.4 g/L  
Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L  
pH: 3.48

