

**TWISTED VINE
HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT CABERNET
2016**

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.

Vineyards

The grapes for this wine came from our Tantallon vineyard in the Hawke's Bay.

Vinification

The grapes were harvested from the Tantallon vineyard and transported to our Riverview winery where they were crushed to open topped stainless steel fermentation vessels and inoculated with a range of yeast strains. The ferments were hand plunged several times per day until dry and then allowed from 2 to 14 days extended maceration. The wine was then pressed off the skins and put to barrel where it was aged for 18 months before blending. The wine was then transported by road tanker to our Katikati winery for final blending and finishing. Bottling was in February 2019.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The aroma is very vibrant with ripe dark fruits, blackberries and cassis, subtle nutty oak and a slight earthiness add complexity. The palate shows fine grained tannins that provide structure and length to the fruit flavours.

Cellaring Potential

This wine is drinking well now but can be cellared for up to eight years.

Grapes

Merlot 71%, Cabernet Sauvignon 29%

Analysis

Alcohol: 13.5% v/v

Residual Sugar: 1.5 g/L

Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.54

