



## **SOUTHERN CROSS 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 from grapes grown in our Tantallon and Campbell Brook vineyards in the Hawke's Bay.

### **Vinification**

The grapes were harvested from the respective vineyards 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 pumped over several times per day until dry and then allowed from 2 to 5 days extended maceration. The wine was then pressed off the skins and some was put to barrel where it was aged for 12 months before blending with components which had been matured in stainless steel. The wine was then transported by road tanker to our Katikati winery for final blending and finishing. Bottling was in November 2018.

### **Winemaker's Tasting Notes**

Concentrated aromas of blackberry and chocolate with a hint of game. The palate is full bodied, plump and juicy with sweet ripe fruit flavours supported by fine chalky tannins.

### **Cellaring Potential**

This wine is drinking well now but can be cellared for up to 6 years.

### **Grapes**

Merlot 50%, Cabernet Sauvignon 42%, Cabernet Franc 6%

### **Analysis**

Alcohol: 13.5% v/v  
Residual Sugar: 1.5 g/L  
Total Acidity: 6 g/L  
pH: 3.58



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