

NIKAU POINT
Reserve
2015 HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT

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

This wine is from grapes grown in two of our Hawke's Bay vineyards - Tantallon and Campbell Brook.

Grapes

Merlot 87%, Cabernet Franc 12%

Vinification

The grapes were harvested from the Tantallon and Campbell Brook 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 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.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Darks fruits, leather and tobacco box aromas. Fine grained tannins provide structure and length to the big ripe dark fruit flavours.

Cellaring Potential

This wine is drinking well now but can be cellared for up to 8 years.

Analysis

Alcohol:	13.5% v/v
Residual Sugar:	1.5 g/L
Total Acidity:	6.1 g/L
pH:	3.35

