

**FALCONHEAD
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.

Vineyards

The grapes for this wine were sourced from two of our Hawke's Bay vineyards – Tantallon and Campbell Brook.

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 October 2017.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The results of the superb 2015 vintage are immediately evident in this deep red wine with aromas of blackberry, juniper berry and chocolate plum. The palate is full bodied 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 4 years.

Grapes

Merlot 74%, Cabernet Sauvignon 20%, Cabernet Franc 4%, Malbec 2%

Analysis

Alcohol: 14% v/v
Residual Sugar: 0.32 g/L
Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L
pH: 3.48

