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## HAWKES BAY MERLOT CABERNET SAUVIGNON MALBEC 2018

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### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

This wine was blended from grapes grown within the renown Gimblett Gravels Winegrowing District. These deep stony soils have excellent drainage and low vigour, ideal for the production of high-quality red wine. Our vineyard sites are close planted and yields per vine are kept low to maximise quality.

### WINEMAKING

The individual vineyard and varietal parcels were destemmed to our fermenters and inoculated with selected yeast strains. Once active the ferments were hand plunged or gently pumped over to extract tannin and colour from the skins. After a period of maceration on skins the new wines were pressed to barrel and tank for malolactic fermentation. The individual parcels were aged separately in French oak barriques for 12 months before blending and bottling.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

This is a rich and full-bodied Gimblett Gravels blend. Densely coloured, it has a bouquet of dark cherry, blackberry, dried herbs and cedar. It is soft and generous in nature and can be enjoyed as a youthful wine, but possesses sufficient tannin to age gracefully for many years.

### FOOD MATCH

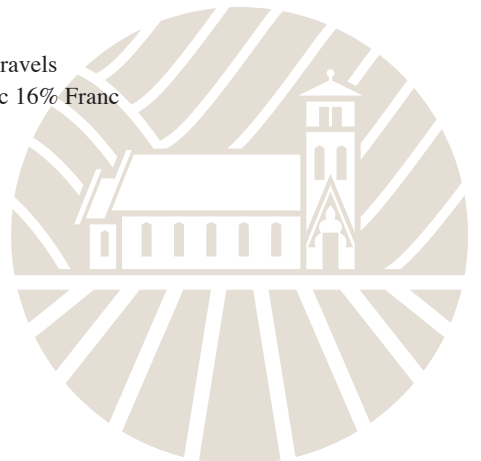
Enjoy with red wine and game dishes.

### IDEAL DRINKING

2019 - 2030

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region: Hawkes Bay ; Sub region Gimblett Gravels  
Merlot 49% Cabernet Sauvignon 33% Malbec 16% Franc  
Oak Use: 12 months in French oak barriques  
Alcohol: 13.0%  
pH: 3.66  
Total Acidity: 5.72g/L  
Residual Sugar: 0.0g/L



May contain traces of egg products.  
Contains sulphites. Suitable for gluten free diets.  
Decanting of this wine is recommended as the winemaking techniques used may produce a natural deposit.  
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