



# SACRED HILL

## 2020 SACRED HILL HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT CABERNET

This Merlot Cabernet blend reflects our roots, always looking to the land first to craft world-class wines that taste like adventure feels. From our home in Hawke's Bay, this quality wine is made to share.

### VINTAGE SUMMARY

The Hawke's Bay 2020 growing season was a little warmer than average and quite a bit drier, with some fantastic sunshine late in the summer. Disease pressure was non-existent, and the fruit was in perfect condition across all varietals. This allowed us to pick the grapes when they were showing good natural acidity relative to their sugar and flavour ripeness. Perfect for all our wine styles.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

This vibrant and plush wine offers an abundance of dark fruits - blackberry confit, Black Doris plum and cassis. These fruit driven aromas are supported by black liquorice, wild fennel, and dark cocoa. The palate is juicy and rich offering berry fruits flowing seamlessly to firm round tannins.

### VINIFICATION

Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc were all picked in optimal conditions from our Deerstalkers vineyard in the Gimblett Gravels. The different varietals were fermented separately in a mixture of open top fermenters and stainless-steel tanks before blending. The resulting wine was aged briefly with French oak and was lightly filtered prior to bottling.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety:	97% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc
Food Matches:	Barbeque meats, especially venison and beef
Cellaring:	5 - 7 years
RS:	Dry
Alcohol:	13.5 %
pH:	3.53
TA:	6.1 g/L

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