



## 2018 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 2018 season had the best possible start. The early growing period from December to February was hot and dry with even less rain than last vintage. In fact, January was one of the driest on record with fine, sunny days and our merlot grapes lapped up the dry heat and excellent growing conditions.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

The wine exhibits aromas of blackberry, boysenberry and spiced plum coupled with dark cocoa and vanilla pod – there's a light spiciness in the background. The wine has a plush entry onto the palate and a seamless flow finishing with supple yet supportive tannins.

### VINIFICATION

Picked in optimal conditions from our gravel-rich company vineyards, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks before blending in the spring after harvest. The wine was matured with carefully selected French oak for 10 months and then fined lightly before filtering and bottling.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety:	98% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon
Food Matches:	BBQ red meats, antipasto platters
Cellaring:	5 – 7 years but drinking nicely young
RS:	Dry
Alcohol:	13 %
pH:	3.55
TA:	5.85 g/L

Hawke's Bay,  
New Zealand

