



SACRED HILL SINGLE VINEYARD

2018 SACRED HILL SINGLE VINEYARD HAWKE'S BAY CABERNET FRANC

We've always sought out the finest land for our Single Vineyard wines. A place where nature runs wild. We hand select parcels of fruit from these exceptional vineyards to create world-class wines that are a natural expression of the land.

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 Cabernet Franc grapes lapped up the dry heat and excellent growing conditions.

Cabernet Franc from our Deerstalkers vineyard is an essential component in our top tier reds. However, this vintage produced a couple of barrels that were simply too good to blend away.

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

This rich and sumptuous Cabernet Franc offers aromas of five spice, crushed bay leaves and mocha with lifted dark floral notes of wild thyme and violets. The palate offers complex flavours of liquorice, dark berry compote and black forest gateaux which are elegantly integrated with the oak. A backbone of acidity carries through to a concentrated, lingering finish.

VINIFICATION

The ripe concentrated fruit was hand harvested and gently destemmed into small batch fermenters. Fermentation took place with indigenous and cultured yeast after being lightly foot crushed. Following fermentation, the wine spent 3 weeks on skins before being basket pressed to French oak barrels (20% new), and gracefully aged for 13 months. Lightly fined and filtered before bottling.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety:	Cabernet Franc
Region:	Hawke's Bay
Food Matches:	Fresh Spring lamb
Cellaring:	Delicious now and will gain complexity over the next 10 years
RS:	Dry
Alcohol:	13.5%
pH:	3.63
TA:	6.46 g/L

Hawke's Bay,
New Zealand

