

# 2020 Hawke's Bay Merlot

A generous Merlot with perfumed plum, spice and delicious notes of mocha, a delectable smooth and supple wine.

## Where I'm From

Bridge Pa Triangle, Woodthorpe and Moteo sub-regions,  
Hawke's Bay, New Zealand

## How I'm Grown

The hallmark of the 2020 vintage season in New Zealand was a nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19. The wine industry's essential business status meant that harvest proceeded under unprecedented safety standards, including rigorous physical distancing measures and significant additional work by our teams.

The Hawke's Bay region experienced a hot, dry growing season. Rainfall in early October helped to maintain water supply for the remainder of the season. Inland vineyards excelled under these conditions, with wonderful varietal expression and beautifully ripened fruit. Perfect weather conditions allowed the team to wait for optimal ripeness and flavour before commencing harvest.

## How I'm Made

After selective harvesting fruit was immediately taken to the winery where it was gently pressed. A short cold soak was undertaken to build mouthfeel and colour, followed by a hot ferment to maximise flavour. Following fermentation the wine was left to rest and mature in used French oak for six months.

## The Techy Stuff

Alc 13.4% • pH 3.47 • TA 5.6 g/l • Residual Sugar 1.2 g/l

## Match Me With...

A beef and vegetable stirfry.



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great Giesen wine to match.