

KAHURANGI ESTATE 'REGIONAL SELECTION'

HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT / CABERNET



2018 Harvest

HARVEST DATE

Early March through to late April 2018

A warm and relatively dry, early summer led to a very hot January and February. The Merlot was picked first with the Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc harvested mid to late April all were picked in optimum condition resulting in an exceptional quality red wine.

VINEYARD

76% Merlot / 16% Cabernet Sauvignon / 8% Cabernet Franc
All sourced from the Bridge Pa region of Hawke's Bay.

SOIL

Free draining alluvial soils, gravel beds and stony terraces.

FERMENTATION / MATURATION

Initial fermentation in open fermenters with hand plunging then 100% oak barrel maturation in older oak barrels for 9 months.

WINEMAKING ANALYSIS

Alc: 13.0% | RS: 1.0 g/L | TA: 6.7 g/L

Tasting Notes

A soft cherry and plum nose, the palate is rich and smooth. Berry driven flavours abound with lingering mild spice and white pepper notes. Medium bodied yet bold, the silky tannins of this lovely wine make for a very approachable and balanced experience.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Best enjoyed with premium game, Angus beef steaks or pulled pork

CELLARING RECOMMENDATIONS

Drink young and fresh through to 2025

KAHURANGI ESTATE SERIES

Kahurangi Estate is named after the stunning Kahurangi National Park on our doorstep. Kahurangi is a Maori word with a number of translations, two being "treasured possession" and "precious jewel". The Kahurangi Estate Regional Selection Series aims to capture the essence of several well known New Zealand wine growing regions.

