



Grapes  
Syrah  
Merlot  
Malbec  
Grenache

Region/Appellation  
Hawkes Bay

Alcohol by volume  
13.00%

Residual Sugar  
0.12 g/l

pH  
3.51

Total Acidity  
6.29 g/l

Drinking Window  
2024 - 2025

Tasting Guide  
A B C D E  
Light Medium Full

Tasting note printed  
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# 2018 6x75cl

## Winemaker Notes

The colour is a medium red, vibrant and youthful. It showcases a nose of raspberries and red fruit with peppery undertones. On the palate, the wine is mouth-filling, soft with flavours of red berries, jam, pepper and spice with an underlying acidity providing freshness and length. Delicious as a young wine, it will nevertheless offer excellent cellaring potential.

## Vineyard

The grapes for this wine were sourced from a selection of Hawkes Bay vineyards, growing in both river gravels and limestone. The soils are free drained with very little water retention, ideal for growing high-quality grapes. Intensive viticultural practises including shoot and bunch thinning allowed us to harvest perfectly ripened grapes from 12 to 25-year-old vines.

## Winemaking

The individual parcels were destemmed on arrival at the winery and transferred to small open-topped concrete fermenters for fermentation. Once O, the ferments were managed Hand with hand plunging employed to gently extract colour and tannin. After a period of post-fermentation maceration the grapes were gently pressed and the wine transferred to French oak barrels for 14 months ageing. Both small 228-litre barriques and 500-litre puncheons were utilised, 15% of which were new.

## Vintage

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## Food match

Grilled and Roasted Red Meats

Enjoy with red meat and game dishes especially those with middle eastern flavours.

