

Grapes

55% Merlot

45% Cabernet Sauvignon

Region/Appellation

Hawkes Bay

Alcohol by volume

13.00%

Residual Sugar

1 g/l

pH

3.65

Total Acidity

5.3 g/l

Drinking Window

2024 - 2029

Tasting Guide



Tasting note printed

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# EarthGarden

## Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon

### 2020 6x75cl

#### Winemaker Notes

Deep purple coloured hues lead to a perfumed nose of dark fruits, cocoa, sweet vanilla and clove spices. The full bodied palate is soft and generous with ripe fruit, silky tannins and a smooth finish.

#### Vineyard

Our key focus is to be environmentally responsible and to operate using sustainable practices in order to protect the land for future generations. Villa Maria has farmed organically since 2002 gaining Biogro certification in 2009. Our Organic vineyards are vibrant gardens alive with wildflowers and full of life.

#### Winemaking

Upon crushing the grapes were inoculated with BioGro approved yeast. Post fermentation the wine was pressed to oak barriques, 25% new, for 18 months maturation.

#### Vintage

The Hawkes Bay 2020 vintage followed an incredible summer, reds in particular enjoyed superb conditions for ripening.

#### Food match

Grilled and Roasted Red Meats

Particularly good when paired with robust, full flavoured dishes both with red meat and without.

