

Grapes

84% Merlot  
16% Cabernet Sauvignon

Region/Appellation

Hawkes Bay

Alcohol by volume

14.00%

Residual Sugar

less than 0.2 g/l

pH

3.73

Total Acidity

5.3 g/l

Drinking Window

2024 - 2027

Tasting Guide

A B **C** D E  
Light Medium Full

Tasting note printed

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# EarthGarden

## Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon

### 2021 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 2021 vintage in Hawke's Bay followed an incredible summer, with our red grapes in particular experiencing superb conditions for ripening. Upon crushing, the grapes were fermented on skins with gentle handling to allow the infusion of flavours from the grapes into the resulting wine. Post-fermentation, the wine was pressed to tank then barreled for aging before blending and bottling 12 months later.

#### Food match

Grilled and Roasted Red Meats

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

