



‘GRAVELS AND METALS’

2014 SELECT VINEYARDS HAWKES BAY MERLOT MALBEC

REGISTRATION NUMBER: SW765543AA67

Winemakers Notes

Our 2014 SV Merlot Malbec is an assemblage of 77% Merlot from the Gimblett Gravels and 23% Malbec from the Red Metals. Each parcel was separately barrel aged for 12 months in a mixture of new and seasoned oak. Hawkes Bay had a dream vintage in 2014 and the fruit that we harvested was in superb condition. The components looked superb all the way through the aging process and this shines through in the finished wine. Post assemblage, the wine received a light fining and was bottled.

Analysis

Alc 13.5 %

Acid 5.9g/L

Res Sugar 2.5g/L

pH 3.59

Tasting Notes

Colour: The colours of the 2014 Hawkes Bay wines are superb. A deep core running out to a bright purple rim.

Bouquet: The Merlot provides lovely black doris plum aromas and the Malbec adds delicious ‘wild berry’ undertones.

Palate: At bottling this wine was full of youthful vitality. Firm yet fine-grained tannins balanced by loads of juicy black fruit in the mid palate.

Cellaring

Already approachable, but we expect this wine to cellar for a number of years.

Food Matches

Rounded tannins and ripe berry flavours make this wine a great accompaniment to many meat dishes such as lamb, venison, beef and game. Many rich sauces go well with this wine, as will roast garlic and vegetables.

Suggested wine list description

Masses of wild black fruits coupled with savoury hints and deliciously spicy oak.

Independent Reviewer’s Comment

“Youthful, purple/black blend of merlot (77%) and malbec (23%). Concentrated plum and spice flavours, with a hint of licorice, a strong, sweet oak influence and a long, soft finish. Praised by one judge as “full-bored”.

Awards

Champion Red Blend/Gold Medal – New World Wine Awards August 2017

4 ½ Stars – Winestate Magazine November 2016

Silver Medal – Royal Easter Show Wine Awards March 2017

Silver Medal – Air NZ Wine Awards Nov 2016

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