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Merlot

Hawke's Bay 2022

Our wine is inspired by the coast that surrounds us, so close to the ocean that our vines are often misted with sea spray. The beauty of our environment influences how we craft wine, respectful of nature and our land. Yealands believes in sustainable winemaking and creating thoughtfully crafted wines that work in harmony with our landscape.

Tasting Note

Bouquet

Concentrated notes of plum, dark cherry, underlying cassis and warming spice.

Palate

The palate is silky with finely balanced supple tannins and a rich lingering finish.

Food Match

Enjoy with barbequed red meats, warming stews or dark chocolate.

Dietary Information

Suitable for vegetarians, vegans and a gluten free diet.

Cellaring Recommendation

Enjoy now, or cellar up to 2 years.

Vintage Summary

The 2022 growing season started off early due to a warm winter / spring, resulting in early budburst. During the early stages of summer, the region experienced a healthy amount of rain, which lead to strong vine growth and full canopies. This was then followed by a warm and dry period, producing small berries, with balanced canopies.

Despite rain events just before harvest and another later season, we still managed to pick quality fruit at optimal ripeness. This leading to a Merlot that is deeply coloured, with great varietal complexity, acidity and tannin.

Winemaking

Winemaker: Natalie Christensen

Vineyard: Tephra Vineyard

Harvest Date: March 2022

Winemaking Analysis: Alc 12.8% | pH 3.55 | TA 4.93 | RS 2.60g/l

The low yielding Merlot was harvested and de-stemmed directly into a mixture of open and closed fermenters. A traditional warm fermentation followed with regular pump overs to help craft a wine with elegance and balance.

The fruit remained on skins after fermentation to build structure and mouthfeel, it was then gently pressed, settled and racked to stainless steel tanks to undergo malolactic fermentation.

After aging with a range of oak, it was then blended, stabilised and filtered prior to bottling.

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