



Gunn Estate

MERLOT CABERNET 2008

WINEMAKERS NOTE

Sweet berry fruit aroma with blackberry and hints of liquorice. Soft and supple front palate with sweet red berry fruit flavours and a smooth even finish.

Winemaker | Denis Gunn

VINTAGE SUMMARY

Hawkes Bay enjoyed a good summer with plenty of hot weather and relatively low levels of rainfall. This meant that in the approach to harvest fruit quality was maximized as the ripening processes began. Some wet weather during harvest ensued, timing wise particularly challenging for the early chardonnay. Because all the fruit was so clean prior to this, and once the sun and drying north westerly winds came back out, damage was mitigated and harvest dates from then on chosen to avoid deterioration in quality or significant disease setting into the grapes.

VINIFICATION

Traditional Bordeaux style ferment with extended skin contact for development of a soft and supple tannin structure.

VITICULTURAL DETAIL

Well managed canopies with targeted crop thinning and deficit irrigation techniques.

TECHNICAL DATA

REGION	Hawkes Bay	VARIETY	Merlot Cabernet
APPEARANCE	Medium dark red	STYLE	Dry
SERVE	Ambient	CELLARING	1-2 years
RS	<1 g/L	ALCOHOL	12.5%
TA	5.9 g/L		

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