

2015 HAWKES BAY CABERNET MERLOT



A MEDIUM BODIED RED BLEND
SHOWING AN AROMA OF PLUM,
GUAVA AND TRUFFLE.

THE STORY

Evert purchased the land for what was to become the Settler vineyard in 1993 and the vines planted in 1994. The north-facing vineyard, surrounded by native bush, is found along the banks of the Okawa stream in the Crownthorpe sub-region of inland Hawke's Bay.

Compared to the more temperate coastal plains, the vineyard enjoys lower day and night time peaks and dips and combined with Matapiro silt loam soils of low fertility, produce fruit focused wines with finesse.

Settler Vineyards is a project of joy, of life and reflection.

The vineyard and work is a choice, not a burden. The resulting wine is a product of that philosophy.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

Cabernet Sauvignon 50%, Merlot 45% & Cabernet Franc 5%. The grapes were hand harvested, destemmed, gravity fed to the onsite fermentation vat, then co-fermented with a 3 week extended ferment and time on skins.

The fermentation self started with indigenous yeast then was inoculated. The wine resultant wine was basket pressed to barrel to continue the Malo ferment. Maturation in barrel continued for 5 months with three rackings pre bottling.

TASTING NOTE

This is a medium bodied red blend showing an aroma of plum, guava and truffle. The palate gives generous plum and blackberry flavours and yet is elegant with restraint oaky and herbal notes and a lasting finish.

TECH SPECS

pH 3.72

TA 6.2

Alc./vol. 13.0%



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