



VILLA MARIA

NEW ZEALAND



HAWKE'S BAY

Private Bin Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon 2025

Winemakers Comment

Led by Merlot with a decent splash of Cabernet Sauvignon, this is a vibrant, fruit-packed Red blend bursting with aromas of juicy Black Doris plum, ripe red berries and a hint of mocha. The palate is plush and generous, loaded with flavours of ripe fruit and dark chocolate notes. Rich and velvety in texture, it strikes the perfect balance between fruit sweetness and soft, silky tannins. Approachable and easy-drinking, this wine finishes smooth and long, making it equally at home around the dinner table or shared with friends over a relaxed evening.

Serving Suggestion

A great pairing with all red meats, a grazing platter, or your favourite slice of Pizza.

Season & Viticulture

The fruit for this wine was sourced from vineyards located across the Hawke's Bay region. An array of soil profiles including free draining alluvial gravels, combined with high sunshine hours make Hawkes Bay an ideal place to grow the red grape varieties of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

A warm 2025 summer in Hawke's Bay saw the grapes ripen nicely producing great flavours in this rich, smooth and rewarding Red blend.

Winemaking

The fruit was harvested, destemmed, and crushed to stainless steel fermentation vessels. Daily cap management ensured a gentle infusion of fruit flavours and colour from the grapes into the wine. Once dry, the wine was pressed off skins to undergo maturation with oak for at least 12 months before blending and bottling.

Technical details

VARIETIES: 58% Merlot, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.42g/l

PH: 3.72

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.5g/l