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# HAWKES BAY MERLOT 2024

Just like the vines themselves, our family's story is entwined in the very roots of Marlborough winemaking. We, siblings Sara Stocker and Josh Scott, grew up on the family vineyard in Marlborough and developed a passion for winemaking at an early age. Our dad, Allan Scott, planted some of the region's first vineyards in the 1970s and has been a part of every vintage grown here since.

## VITICULTURE

The Hawkes Bay 2024 harvest saw excellent growing conditions, resulting in high quality grapes throughout the region. Mild conditions through spring and early summer with no shortage of rainfall saw moderate to low crops set. Continuing warm dry conditions through summer saw optimal fruit development and healthy, disease free grapes. Flavour development and acid retention were enhanced by a perfect combination of sunny days and cool, clear nights.

## VINIFICATION

With a talented and enthusiastic team of international superstars in the winery, this harvest provided an opportunity to showcase the very best flavours of an exceptional vintage. Fruit was plunged and pumped over in open top vats to extract the smooth tannins and bright berry fruit Merlot is known for. After gently pressing the wine was left to mature in tanks and old oak barrels, before bottling in the winter of 2025.

## DESCRIPTION

Plums, luscious red berry fruit, with suggestions of tobacco leaf and cocoa. The palate structure is fine-grained and soft, with a pleasing finish.

## SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Perfect with a well-crafted beef burger, any red meats roasted or barbequed will be a friendly pairing with this wine.


## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (at bottling)

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| **Grape Variety** | 100% Merlot |
| **Vineyards** | Hawkes Bay |
| **Alcohol** | 12.5% |
| **Residual Sugar** | 1.0 g/l |
| **TA** | 5.8 g/l |
| **Malolactic Fermentation** | yes |
| **Vegetarian/Vegan** | yes |

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