



GUNN ESTATE RESERVE HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT CABERNET 2017

Vintage Summary

The 2017 growing season was one of extremes. January was one of the driest on record with fine sunny days and our red grapes reaped the benefits from these excellent growing conditions. The harvest months of March and April were exceptional in the volume of rain that fell between our normal, fine warm days. Picking date was the key to success and with our extensive experience of our vineyards and the region we were able to pick our grapes at the optimal time.

Winemaker's Note

Bursting with crushed berry fruit and baked plum aromas. Bold and flavoursome with layers of warm summer fruits and a touch of cinnamon and liquorice. Very fine tannins envelop the wine and highlight the intensity and wealth of flavour throughout the palate and on the finish.

Vinification

Both the Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were grown on our Gimblett Gravels vineyard and fermented and aged with great attention to detail to ensure we captured the fruit and richness of the vineyard site. Ageing with French oak added to the complexity of flavours and aromas and the suppleness of the tannins.

Technical Details

Variety:	97% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon
Food Matches:	A great partner with lamb dishes.
Cellaring:	3 – 5 years
RS:	Dry
Alcohol:	13%
pH:	3.6
TA:	6 g/L



Hawke's Bay,
New Zealand