



GUNN ESTATE RESERVE HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT CABERNET 2018

Vintage Summary

The 2018 season had the best possible start. The early growing period from December to February was hot and dry with even less rain than last vintage. In fact, January was one of the driest on record with fine, sunny days and our merlot grapes lapped up the dry heat and excellent growing conditions.

Winemaker's Note

On the nose there are enticing aromas of dark forest berries, wild thyme, and mocha. Juicy Plum and cocoa envelop the wine and lift the juicy fruits. The tannins are fine and silky with hints of liquorice giving boldness and allowing flavours to linger on the palate.

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:	98% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon
Food Matches:	Lamb and red meat dishes
Cellaring:	3 – 5 years
RS:	Dry
Alcohol:	13%
pH:	3.56
TA:	5.94 g/L

