

LIME ROCK



WINES

LIME ROCK MERLOT 2013

LIME ROCK Central Hawke's Bay Merlot, grown and hand-picked from our single vineyard limestone hills.

Vineyard

Our Merlot comprise clones 181 and Erindale, both on own roots. We have two sites. Our 'Basin Reserve', mid way up our vineyard, has some clay over the limestone and has a 'bowl-like' topography. In G Block, on the hill near the road, our vines (Erindale clone) are on the bony shallow soils over limestone; these smaller vines usually bear less fruit and ripen earlier. Cabernet Franc (4%) was included this year. All grapes are hand pruned and hand picked.

Season

2013 was a stunning year with a long dry autumn we picked in two batches; the tops of the rows, and then 5 days later, the ends of the rows. The berries were luscious and the sugar, acids and flavour were balanced to perfection. Harvest was early to mid-season.

Winemaking

The hand picked bunches were crushed into small vats and cold soaked for a couple of days before inoculation with a specially selected yeast. Plunging and pumping was carried out during fermentation; malo-lactic fermentation and aging was in premium French barriques for 20 months before blending and bottling.

Harvest 10th and 15-16th April, 2013 Brix 24 - 25

Bottling 26 February, 2015
Alcohol 14.0% pH 3.59 TA 5.6g/l

Wine Description

This dark ruby coloured wine has plum, mulberry, boysenberry and chocolate characters along with savoury and smoky tones. Development of more complex spicy and fruitcake flavours are forming with time and ripe tannins are becoming integrated.

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