

# HAWKES BAY

## ESTATE

### HAWKE'S BAY ESTATE MERLOT CABERNET 2007

This classic Bordeaux blend thrives at Gimblett Road. Ripe fully flavoured fruit is traditionally warm fermented and then aged in oak for softening, complexing and completing this wine. The strength of Cabernet is partnered with supple Merlot and fragrant Malbec

**COLOUR:** Deep purple/red.

**AROMA:** Blackcurrant fruit and fine sweet oak.

**PALATE:** An intense well extracted red. Brambly fruits combine with firm tannin and fine oak. Bottle development will enhance this wine by offering leathery notes with time as well as softening.

*Kate R*  
KATE RABBURND, WINEMAKER



### TECHNICAL DATA

#### SOILS:

Consisting of alluvial gravel overlaid with silt sands of varying depths. The Ngaruroro River laid these soils incorporating volcanic pumice sands down centuries ago. These free draining and low status soils are ideal for winegrowing.

#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS:

Flowering conditions were experienced through the flowering and fruit set periods. A fine, warm, Indian summer was experienced, where ultimate fruit maturity was achieved. Yield and quality were both exceptional which has made the 2007 vintage a stand out.

#### FINAL COMPOSITION:

Alc. 14.0%; pH 3.63; TA 5.9 g/l; RS <1.0 g/l

