



# VILLA MARIA

## NEW ZEALAND



## Private Bin

HAWKES BAY

**Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec**

**2020**

### Winemaker's Comment

This blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec has fragrant aromas and flavours of cassis, red fruits and dried herbs. A rich mouthfeel balanced with supple tannins leads to a deliciously smooth finish.

### Serving Suggestions

A great pairing with all red meats, most cheeses, and Mediterranean inspired cuisine.

### Vineyard

The fruit for this wine was sourced from vineyards located across the Hawkes Bay region. An array of soil profiles including free draining alluvial gravels, combined with high sunshine hours make Hawkes Bay New Zealand's 'home' to the French Bordeaux varieties Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec.

### Winemaking

100% crushed and destemmed to fermentation vessels. Inoculated with several strains of yeast and aerated throughout fermentation, peaking in temperature at 28-30°C. Pressed off skins and aged in tank and barrel for 12 months before blending and bottling.

### Technical Details

VARIETIES: 49% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec,

ALCOHOL: 13.0%

PH: 3.70

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.38g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.23g/L