



VILLA MARIA

NEW ZEALAND

ORGANIC

Private Bin

Merlot

HAWKES BAY 2019

Awards & Accolades

Silver - Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2020

Winemakers Comment

Deep crimson hues lead to aromatics of black plums and berry fruits with vanilla and cedar oak undertones. A sweet-fruited and textured palate possessing supple tannins makes this a versatile food wine suitable for any occasion.

Serving Suggestions

An excellent pairing with Mediterranean inspired cuisine, cheese and all red meats.

Vineyard & Winemaking

High sunshine hours and low rainfall make Hawkes Bay New Zealand's 'home' to the French Bordeaux variety Merlot.

VINEYARD: Soler Vineyard Hawkes Bay. Organic certified management principles employed to promote healthy soils and vines.

FRUIT HANDLING: Destemmed & crushed to fermentation vessels, then plunged or pulsed with oxygen.

FERMENTATION: DV-10 yeast. Peaked at 30-32°C with regular aeration.

REGION: Hawkes Bay

VARIETIES: Merlot

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

pH: 3.52

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.58g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.4g/L

