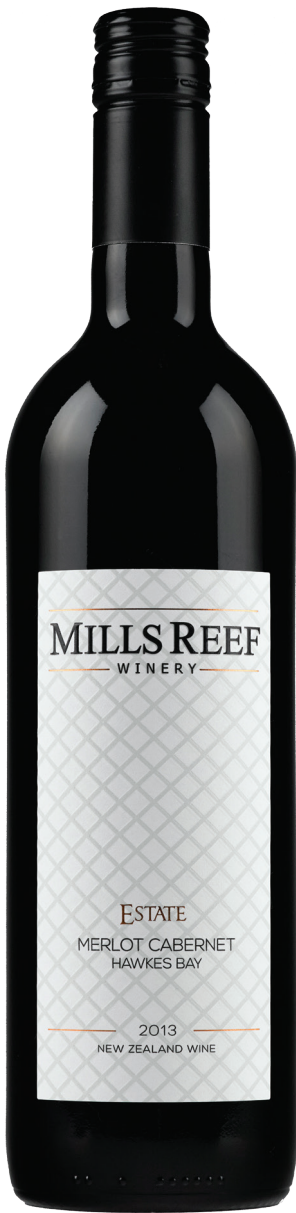


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MILLS REEF ESTATE MERLOT CABERNET 2013

The grapes for this beautifully crafted Merlot Cabernet were selected from Hawkes Bay vineyards ideally suited to Bordeaux reds. 2013 was an exceptional season for Hawkes Bay fruit, with warm dry days and sunshine in abundance, bringing the fruit to optimum ripeness without adverse weather and its attendant disease pressure.

The final blend was composed from 87% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon. Each parcel was individually fermented in stainless steel tanks, for enhanced colour and flavour. The parcels were then sent to barrel for added complexity of predominantly French oak seasoning for twelve months or so, then blended back to shape the final wine. Bottling took place on 23 July 2014, under screwcap closure.

This fine Merlot Cabernet blend has lovely blackcurrant and blackberry aromas and flavours, complemented with delicate floral and vanilla notes, and an appetising leather complexity. Matured in quality French oak for twelve months, it is approachable and delicious, and is an ideal pairing with your favourite pasta dish.

AWARDS TO DATE

- ★★★★★ Raymond Chan
- SILVER Hawkes Bay Wine Awards 2014
- ★★★★★ Bob Campbell MW 92/100
- BEST BUY Bob Campbell MW

THE ESTATE RANGE

Estate wines are made in a soft rounded style with an emphasis on natural fruit character and earlier approachability, for everyday enjoyment. They represent great value for money

GENERAL INFORMATION

VINTAGE	2013
GRAPE VARIETY	Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon
GROWING AREA	Hawkes Bay
WINEMAKER	Tim Preston & Paul Dawick
HARVEST DATE	24-13 April 2013

WINE ANALYSIS

BRIX AT HARVEST	22.6° brix avg
JUICE ACIDITY	5.94 g/L average
WINE ACIDITY	5.55 g/L
WINE pH	3.47
ALCOHOL	13.3 %
LOT NUMBER	L4197
BOTTLE BARCODE	94 16055 38502 2
CARTON BARCODE	194 16055 38552 4

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