

LIME ROCK



WINES

LIME ROCK MERLOT 2010

LIME ROCK Central Hawke's Bay Merlot, grown on limestone hills, is from a single vineyard and is hand picked.

Vineyard

Our Merlot is grown on warm, north-facing, sun drenched limestone hills. 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 our vines are on the bony shallow soils over limestone; these smaller vines usually bear less fruit and ripen earlier. No Cabernet Franc was included this year. All grapes are hand pruned and hand picked.

Season

The long dry autumn ripened the Merlot beautifully. Harvest was later than usual, at the beginning of May.

Winemaking

The hand picked bunches were crushed into small vats and cold soaked over some days before inoculation with yeast. Plunging and pumping was carried out during fermentation and MLF and aging was in premium French barriques for 8 months before blending and bottling.

Harvest	1 st - 8 th May, 2010		
	Brix 24.0	pH 3.47	TA 6.7g/l
Bottling	3 March, 2011		
	Alcohol 14.0%	pH 3.58	TA 5.8g/l

Wine Description

With very attractive dark fruit, this wine has juiciness, layers of blackcurrant, blackberry and chocolate along with some smoky tones and ripe tannins. There is freshness, purity and length.

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