



# Black Cottage

## Merlot

Hawke's Bay New Zealand 2024

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Sustainably Grown

### Harvest & Winemaking notes:

Sourced from the famed Gimblett Gravels of Hawke's Bay, known for its warm climate and free-draining gravel soils, this Merlot reflects the unique character of the region. The 2024 harvest produced lower yields with outstanding fruit quality, perfect concentrated flavours and natural balance. Fermented in small stainless steel tanks with gentle maceration to preserve vibrant fruit, the wine was matured in French oak for eleven months.

**Winemaker :** Sanna Stander

### Tasting notes:

Lifted aromas of violet, ripe raspberry, plum, and cocoa bean introduce a vibrant Merlot. The palate is generous and fruit-driven, showing layers of dark berries framed by fine, supple tannins. Beautifully balanced, the wine finishes with depth, freshness, and refined elegance.

Crispy duck breast with a plum glaze is the perfect accompaniment to enjoy with this wine, friends, and an afternoon of laughter.

### Analysis:

SUB-REGION	Gimblett Gravels
SOIL TYPE	Stoney, alluvial soils
VARIETIES	95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc
PH	3.55
TA	5.5 g/l
RS	2 g/l
ALCOHOL	13.5%

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