

2014 Southern Cross Hawkes Bay Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon

Region:	Hawkes Bay
Vineyards:	Tantallon and Campbell Brook
Composition	Merlot 51%, Cabernet Sauvignon 43%, Cabernet Franc 6%
Winemaking	The grapes were harvested from the respective vineyards and transported to our Riverview winery where they were crushed to open topped stainless steel fermentation vessels and inoculated with a range of yeast strains. The ferments were pumped over several times per day until dry and then allowed from 2 to 5 days extended maceration. The wine was then pressed off the skins and some was put to barrel where it was aged for 12 months before blending with components which had been matured in stainless steel. The wine was then transported by road tanker to our Katikati winery for final blending and finishing. Bottling was in 2019.
Analysis:	pH 3.58 Acidity 6 g/L Residual sugar 1.5 g/L Alcohol 13.5 % v/v
Allergens	Contains sulphites. Fined using egg product, traces may remain.
Comments	The results of the superb 2014 vintage are immediately evident in this deep red wine. Concentrated aromas of blackberry and chocolate with a hint of leather. The palate is full bodied, plump and juicy with sweet ripe fruit flavors supported by fine chalky tannins.
Cellaring	This wine is drinking well now but can be cellared for up to 6 years.