

## 2019 Leveret Estate Hawkes Bay Merlot Cabernet

Region:	Hawkes Bay
Vineyard:	Tantallon
Composition	Merlot 79%, Cabernet Sauvignon 19%, Malbec 2%
Winemaking	The grapes were harvested from the Tantallon vineyard and transported to our Riverview winery where they were crushed to open topped stainless steel fermentation vessels and inoculated using predominantly the Uvaferm BDX yeast strain. The ferments were hand plunged several times per day until dry and then allowed from 2 to 14 days extended maceration. The wine was then pressed off the skins and put to barrel where it was aged for 18 months before blending. The wine was then transported by road tanker to our Katikati winery for final blending and finishing. Bottling was in September 2021.
Analysis:	pH 3.67 Acidity 5.4 g/L Residual sugar <1 g/L Alcohol 14.0 % v/v
Allergens	Contains sulphites.
Comments	A classic example of Hawkes Bay Merlot Cabernet with an expressive aroma that is vibrant with notes of spiced plum, ripe berry, cedar, and subtle dried herb lift. The palate is well structured with fine grained tannins, mouth filling, voluptuous dark fruits, and spice.
Cellaring	This wine is drinking well now but can be cellared for up to 10 years.