

Reaching New Zealand shores in 1838, pioneering French missionaries founded a legacy. From their many accomplishments now interwoven throughout history came New Zealand's first winery, Mission in 1851. Their inspiration, a legacy we continue.







MISSION SINCE 1851

Hawke's Bay | New Zealand

New Zealand Winegrowing

Central to the success of New Zealand as a world-renowned wine growing region is the temperate maritime climate and the free-draining alluvial soils.

The growing season is long, providing perfect conditions for slow ripening and full flavour development. Cool nights and warm days retain fruit acidity which lends a freshness and vibrancy, highly characteristic of New Zealand wine styles.



Sustainability Practices

Mission has strong sustainability credentials as a founding member of Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand and holding ISO 14001 environmental certification since 1998.



With organics and organic conversions underway in some vineyards Mission has an ongoing commitment to sustainable viticulture and winemaking practices.



In 2007 the Mission winery underwent a multi-million dollar upgrade designed to maximise energy and water efficiencies.

Today, Mission is proud to produce some of New Zealand's finest wines in the most environmentally friendly manner.

Soils

Gravel beds, free-draining alluvial soils and stony terraces.

Growing Season

Warm and dry delivering intense and characterful wines.

Winemaking Technique

Merlot grapes picked from some of our best Hawke's Bay vineyards located in the Gimblett Gravels and Bridge Pa Triangle were gently pressed with minimal skin contact and a long, cool fermentation. The juice was inoculated with specially developed, aromatic yeast strains to intensify varietal character development.

Hawke's Bay Region

Located on the east coast of the North Island, Hawke's Bay wine region is one of the warmest winegrowing regions in New Zealand.

The long and warm growing season provides for excellent ripening conditions and full flavour development.



Technical Specifications

Alcohol	13.1%
Acidity	4.5g/L
Residual Sugar	Dry
рН	3.45

Cellar Potential

Enjoy now or in the next three years.