



## TASTING NOTES

### Mission Estate Hawke's Bay Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

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#### Viticulture

The hot summer conditions created an exceptional vintage for Cabernet Sauvignon in 2018. The fruit for this vintage was sourced from the warmest Hawke's Bay inland sites and grown on free draining, stony soils. These vineyards were carefully managed with low crop loads to ensure fully ripened fruit. Leaf plucking around the bunches and fruit thinning gave a balanced crop load. Fruit was harvested at optimum ripeness.

#### Winemaking

The blend is 86% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Merlot. The grapes spent an average of 15 days on skins with a short post fermentation maceration. There were minimal pump-overs to avoid over extraction. The wines were aged in oak barrels and stainless steel for 15 months before bottling.

#### Tasting Notes

This Cabernet Sauvignon has a vibrant red colour, cassis and blackcurrant notes on the nose, with spicy complexity. The palate is rich and full bodied with delicious sweet fruit and freshness. This wine has excellent structure well-balanced with excellent fruit intensity and the ability to age for some years.

#### Cellar Potential

Made for drinking now but will develop over the next five years.

<b>Alcohol</b>	13%
<b>Acidity</b>	5.4 g/L
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	<1g/L
<b>pH</b>	3.85

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