



## Expressions 2019 Hawke's Bay Lavish Merlot Malbec

Power and sophistication. Two of the more approachable and generous red varieties from Bordeaux, Merlot and Malbec are a match made in heaven - soft and juicy meets inky and robust. From the Gravels of Hawke's Bay, this blend of Merlot and Malbec delivers a matrimony of elegance and temptation.

Rich, black plum and cassis aromas of Merlot are met by violets, wild berries and game from Malbec. This is an elegant wine with depth of flavour and an assertive yet warming structure. The palate is loaded with dark berry fruits, mocha and spice, while earthy and cedar undertones add a layer of savoury complexity enhanced by balanced acidity.

A New World perspective on an Old World tradition, this one is sure to satisfy the staunchest Bordeaux-philes.

**RRP: \$23.99**

BLACK PLUM  
& CASSIS

POISED  
& SOPHISTICATED

MOCHA  
& SPICE

LAVISH





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### Technical Notes

Bottling Date	6/03/2020
pH	3.64
TA g/L	6.1
Alcohol strength	13%
Sub-Region	The Gravels, Hawke's Bay
Harvest Method	Selective machine harvested providing whole intact berries. Yeast added for protection in the vineyard with no sulphur added until the end of secondary fermentation.
Processing	Partially crushed retaining a percentage of whole berries for primary fruit expression.
Fermentation	Cold soaked for several days, then inoculated and fermented with regular aeration. Left to macerate on the skins for 30 days for colour and tannin integration.
Maturation	10 months in French and American oak barriques (20% new).
Awards & Reviews	Wine Orbit 5 Stars

