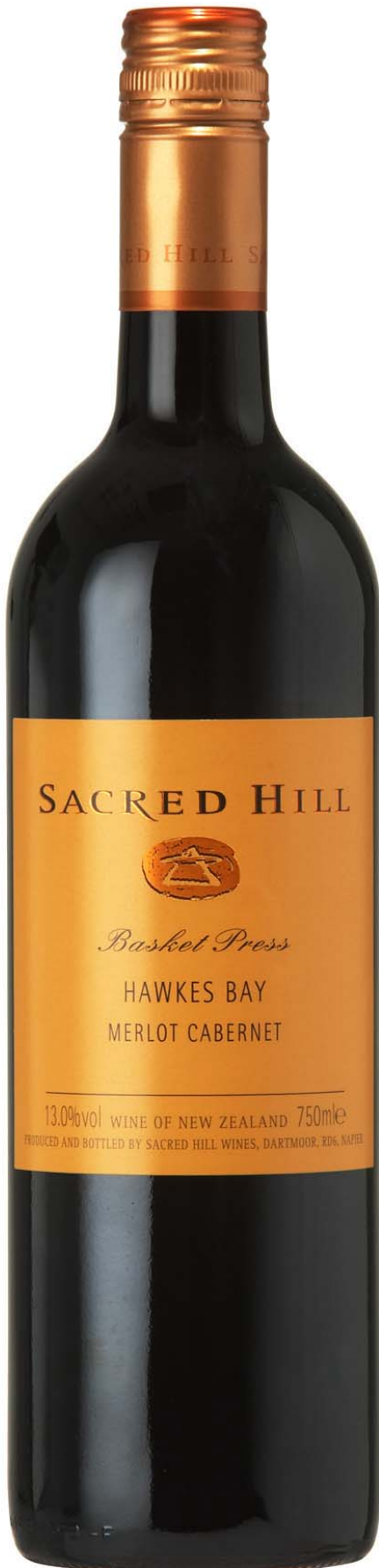


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Basket Press

MERLOT CABERNET 2007



WINEMAKERS NOTE

Richly scented dark berry and plum aroma, with complex fruitcake richness and resonating depth. A rich warm and deep plum palate. Densely structured wine with supple tannin on the finish. A concentrated and complex wine.

Winemaker | Tony Bish

VINTAGE SUMMARY

A fabulous Indian summer led to a stunning Hawke's Bay vintage. Overall, physiological maturity was achieved in all varieties, yields were good, and flavours are intense. Time will tell the standout wines of this vintage, however the defining attribute of 2007 is the overall high quality.

VINIFICATION

Fermented in closed Bordeaux style fermentors with frequent aerative pump-overs for colour and tannin extraction. Post ferment maceration to build supple tannins was employed. Matured in French oak.

TECHNICAL DATA

REGION	Hawkes Bay	VARIETY	Merlot Cabernet
APPEARANCE	Rich deep red	STYLE	Full bodied dry red
SERVE	Ambient	CELLARING	5-8 Years
RS	>1 g/L	ALCOHOL	14%
PH	3.52	TA	6.5 g/L