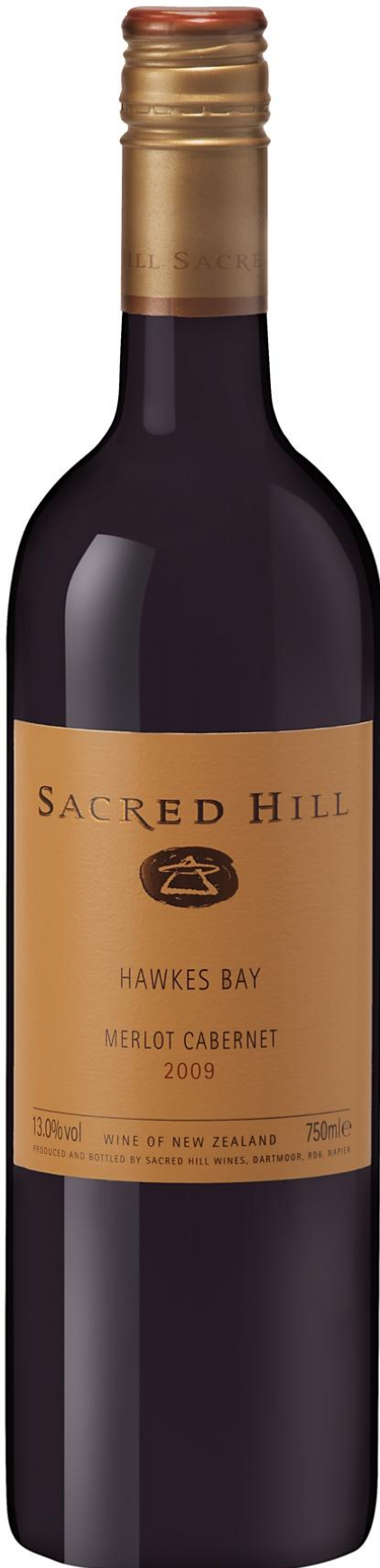


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MERLOT CABERNET 2009

WINEMAKERS NOTE

Complex lifted aroma with ripe black fruits and licorice richness. Lovely plush chewy red with abundant dark fruits, licorice and hints of mocha. Supple and quite rich with a balanced fine finish.
Winemaker | Tony Bish

VINTAGE SUMMARY

Vintage 2009 will be regarded in the future as one of Hawke's Bays most outstanding red vintages in the last decade or longer. Following a warm and dry spring with good flowering weather, we moved into a very hot dry period in January, extending into late March. We then endured a troublesome two weeks, however in early March the sun came back and stayed with us throughout the next two months. This allowed us to ripen fruit to the exact point we desired, without pressure from any significant rain events, a luxury not often afforded and very much enjoyed!

VINIFICATION

Fermented in small closed top fermentors. Matured in French oak.

TECHNICAL DATA

REGION	Hawkes Bay	VARIETY	85% Merlot 8% Malbec 7% Cab Sav
APPEARANCE	Deep purple	STYLE	Full bodied dry red
SERVE	Ambient	CELLARING	3-5 Years
RS	>1 g/L	ALCOHOL	13%
PH	3.59	TA	7 g/L