



SACRED HILL Helmsman Cabernet Merlot 2000

VARIETY

49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec

REGION

Hawkes Bay

STYLE

Full Bodied Cabernet/Merlot – Dry Red

VINTAGE

The 2000 vintage started early, thanks to a record dry February advancing flavours and ripeness. The Millennium vintage produced fantastic colours and rich ripe flavours together with excellent tannin development.

VINEYARDS

Selected premium vineyards

VINIFICATION

Handpicked & fermented in small open vats with intensive ferment management. Developed on skins prior to pressing off into French oak barriques. Matured in barrel for 18 months.

APPEARANCE

Deep concentrated garnet red

BOUQUET

Very Rich intense & complex aromas with ripe blackberry, black cherry, leather & cigar box nuances.

PALATE

Deeply layered palate with very concentrated ripe berry fruit flavours enhanced by complex nuances of leather, spicy oak & liquorice. Beautifully structured palate with supple texture and fine-grained tannins.

CELLARING

Long term, 5-10 years.

SERVE

At room temperature.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	13.5%
Sugar	Dry
TA	6.0 g/l
pH	3.59
Packaging	6 x 750ml Bottles
RRP	\$35.00