



## SACRED HILL Brokenstone Merlot 2000

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### VARIETY

85.4% Merlot, 11% Malbec, 3.6% Cabernet Franc.

### REGION

Hawkes Bay.

### STYLE

Dry.

### 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.

### VINIFICATION

Small batch fermentation, gentle cap handling. Basket pressed after an average of 18-20 days post ferment maceration. Eighteen months maturation in new and one year old French Barriques.

### APPEARANCE

Intense, deep violet, good density.

### BOUQUET

Cassis, spicy floral notes. Liquorice, cigar box & cedar.

### PALATE

Rich and dense. Layers of ripe cone berryfruit flavours. Fine tannin structure, robust with great length and finesse.

### CELLARING

Long term. Five to ten years.

### SERVE

16-18°C.

### FOOD ACCOMPANIMENTS

Venison, Peking Duck, Japanese seared Beef.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Winemaker	Tony Bish
Alcohol	14.0%
Sugar	Dry
TA	6.1 g/l
pH	3.56
Packaging	6 x 750ml bottles
RRP	\$40.00