



Sacred Hill
Helmsman Cabernet Merlot 2002

VARIETY

Cabernet Merlot

REGION

Hawkes Bay

STYLE

Full Bodied Dry Red

VINTAGE SUMMARY

A warm summer was followed by a hot dry autumn, allowing grapes to fully mature. Conditions were excellent.

VINIFICATION

Hand picked grapes were gently crushed to small open fermentors. Hand plunged during ferment. Extended time on skins before pressing. Using traditional Bordeaux Red winemaking techniques, Malolactic fermentation in new French oak, and elevage in barrel for 20 months. We were able to fully express the vineyards unique character.

APPEARANCE

Inky dense colour

BOUQUET

Richly scented aroma with cassis, liquorice, cigar box and leather.

PALATE

Dense palate with ripe black plum, mouthfilling complexity and fine tannin structure. Flavours of liquorice, dark fruits, leather and hints of cassis. Excellent persistence and length of flavour.

CELLARING

5-10 years

SERVE

Ambient

TECHNICAL DETAIL

Winemaker	Tony Bish
Alcohol	13.0%
Residual Sugar	Dry
Titratable Acidity	6.1 g/L
pH	3.66
Packaging	6 x 750ml bottles
RRP	\$45.00