



bell bird bay 2008 hawkes bay merlot

This is a 100% merlot from the 2008 vintage, harvested in prime conditions from well established vineyards located in the heart of the Heretaunga Plains, Hastings, Hawkes Bay. The sub region is among the best in New Zealand for producing Bordeaux varietals of exceptional quality. Following fermentation, which included a portion of whole berries the wines was oak (French) matured for eleven months.

Aroma

The seductive bouquet expresses soft fruit aromas of raspberry, black cherry and hints of vanilla.

Palate

The medium bodied well structured palate has ripe berry and plum flavours complemented by supple tannins and finishes on a lingering savoury note.

Food Matches

Pasta, pizza, beef and barbecues.

HARVESTED

26 March 2008

HARVEST ANALYSIS

Brix average 23.4
pH 3.69, TA 6.37g/l

BOTTLED

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WINE ANALYSIS

Alc. 13.5%



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