

# Roy's Hill

## HAWKESBAY

### ROY'S HILL MERLOT CABERNET 2009

This classic blend of Merlot and Cabernet is grown and made from our Gimblett Road vineyards, which consistently produces ripe grapes of clean condition. Machine harvested and lightly crushed to stainless steel fermenters for a warm fermentation on skins, regular pumping over begins the colour and flavour extraction. Some maturation in older barriques is blended with the more fruit expressive tank components to make this firm and fruity easy drinking style.

**Colour:** Purple-red

**Aroma:** Blackcurrant and sweet subtle oak.

**Palate:** A satisfying fruit driven red blend. Black fruits, cassis and a plummy spice are married with good firm structure and gentle oak integration. Ripe fruit contributes silky ripe tannin and the natural acidity of Cabernet Sauvignon finishes the palate. Great drinking now and for a further three years.



### TECHNICAL DATA

#### SOILS:

Consisting of alluvial gravel overlaid with silt sands of varying depths. The Ngauroro River laid these soils incorporating volcanic pumice sands down centuries ago. These free draining and low status soils are ideal for winegrowing.

#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS:

Spring frost events occurred in late September/October, but this was followed by warm November and December conditions, so fruit set was good. Fruit thinning occurred in our premium blocks.

Temperatures were above average and rainfall low, excepting February. These young reds are bold and intense, well structured and vibrant in fruit.

#### FINAL COMPOSITION:

13.6%v/v 3.6pH, 5.4g/l TA, 2g/l RS



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