



Reviews & Accolades

## **HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT MALBEC 2009**

### **CUISINE MAGAZINE**

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4 Stars

Dick Frizzell's artistic background finds good expression in this imaginatively labelled wine. It's ripe and rich, tight and clean, with a subtle nose of plum and dark berry. It's well structured in the mouth with good depth and a nicely sustained finish.

### **ROYAL EASTER SHOW WINE AWARDS**

February 2011

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Bronze medal

### **WINE ORBIT**

Sam Kim

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90 / 100: 4.5 stars

This is full of lovely ripe fruits showing medium-dark red/purple colour, lifted aromas of red/black plum, spice and a touch of vanilla. The palate is juicy and medium-full with excellent mid palate weight and smooth texture leading to a pleasantly dry finish. This has become one of the most reliable Hawke's Bay red labels. At its best: now to 2014.

### **RAYMOND CHAN WINE REVIEWS**

Raymond Chan, May 2011

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17.5/20 & 4.5 Stars

Deep ruby-red in colour with youthful purple hues, this has a soft and full bouquet of ripe black plum and spicy berry fruits, along with subtle cedary oak. Rich boysenberry nuances from the Malbec unfold in the glass. Medium-bodied, this is a fresh, lively and crisp wine with bold red and black plum and berry fruit flavours supported by fine, supple tannins that allow the fruit to feature. The fresh acidity provides a mouthwatering tension that will make it a good match with hearty Middle Eastern and Mediterranean fare over the next 5-6+ years. A blend of Merlot and Malbec, fermented to 14.0% alc., the wine aged in French and American oak barriques.