



Reviews & Accolades

RESERVE HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT CABERNET 2007

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Bob Campbell MW, Aug/Sept 2011

5 Stars & 95 Points - Top 100 New Releases

Dense, dark red with rich chocolate-like characters and dark berry fruit, anise, licorice and nutty oak. A power-packed, full bodied wine with a great texture and impressive length. An exciting debut for a relatively new label.

WINE ORBIT

Sam Kim, Oct 2010

94 / 100: 5 Stars

An impressive red from the excellent 2007 vintage, made by the renowned winemaker, Rod McDonald. Deep red/purple in colour, the bouquet is beautifully perfumed displaying dark plum, cassis, spice and cedar characters. It's concentrated and dense on the palate with velvety texture and a rounded mouthfeel. The finish is extra long with plenty of ripe, polished tannins. The wine shows pristine fruit intensity as well as multi-layered palate dimension. At its best: now to 2017. Natural cork.

WINE NZ MAGAZINE

Martin Gillion, "Full Bodied Reds": Sep 2010

Frizzell Reserve Merlot/ Cabernet 07 was ONE of the FIVE wines placed on the shortlist in the over \$30 flights. The team made these comments.

Dark fruits such as cassis and blackberry with game and tobacco notes in this glass. There is spicy-toasty oak supporting the fruit, all on a full, fleshy palate. This is an example of really well structured wine, sturdy, smooth and long with firm, chewy tannins. Very enjoyable.

RAYMOND CHAN WINE REVIEWS

Raymond Chan, May 2011

18.5 / 20: 5 Stars

The top red wine under the Frizzell label. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon from a small Hawke's Bay vineyard, fermented to 14.8% alc, and aged 18 months in French oak barriques. Very full, deep, dark ruby-red in colour, this has a full, solid and brooding nose of dark berry and plum fruits complexed by notes of game and meat, with distinctive inky-cherry oak. A full-bodied wine, this is dense and concentrated on palate, with excellent depth of very ripe black fruits and meaty, game-like notes alongside spicy, toasty and cherry oak elements. The intense flavours are framed within a firm, fine-grained structure which leads to a long, sustained, spicy, cedary finish. This is a highly flavoured and fully seasoned wine that impresses with its power. Serve with game over the next 8-12+ years. 150 cases made.

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