

# REDWOOD PASS

## HAWKE'S BAY MERLOT

**Vintage:** 2009  
**Region:** Hawke's Bay, New Zealand  
**Grape variety:** Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc

### VINTAGE 2009

The 2009 season was characterised by a long warm summer, perfect for ripening Hawke's Bay signature red grape varieties, Merlot in particular. The resulting wines are vibrant with an array of flavours you should expect from quality Hawke's Bay wines.

### VINEYARD

We select some of the best vineyards found in the renowned Hawke's Bay region for our Redwood Pass Merlot. This, along with careful winemaking, has crafted a wine of richness and elegance.

### WINEMAKING TECHNIQUE

Once the fruit is gently pressed, the juice is fermented with yeast strains selected to enhance the vibrant flavours. The wine is then matured in French Oak to balance the fruit and offers an attractive spicy note. Hand plunging during fermentation has crafted a wine with elegance and balance.

### APPEARANCE

Deep Ruby.

### BOUQUET

Rich aromas of plum, violets and blackberry.

### PALATE

The palate is full flavoured, rounded by a balanced spicy oak.

### CELLARING

This wine is made to drink young, but will reward further careful cellaring and over the next few years.

### SERVING TEMPERATURES

Best served at room temperature.

### FOOD ACCOMPANIMENTS

This wine will complement a wide range of dishes, including most tomato based pasta and red meat dishes.

**Enjoy!**

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

**Alcohol:** 13.5%  
**T/A:** 6.5  
**Residual Sugar:** Dry

