

MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND WINE

MAN O' WAR MERLOT CABERNET FRANC MALBEC 2008



BLEND 42% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Franc,
19% Malbec, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVEST DATE 27/3 – 26/4/2008
BRIX @ HARVEST 24.5-26
BARREL 100% Old French and American
T.A 6.01
PH 3.63
ALC 14%

CELLAR NOTES

After hand harvesting the separate components, each was kept separate in the winery and treated differently according to what each variety could contribute to the overall style of the blend. Traditional pump over's and plunging techniques were employed during fermentation to extract either silken supple tannins or more robust tannins depending on the variety. The components were then aged on lees for 11 months prior to blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Lifted floral aromas combine with dark berry fruit with a hint of asphalt and tar to give a fragrant and savoury perfume to the wine. The palate is warm and generous with sweet succulent fruit, ripe graphite like tannins and vibrant acidity. Classically styled with the exuberance of the new world this blended red combines all the softness and fragrance of Merlot and Malbec with the savour and cassis of Cabernet franc and the structure and power of Cabernet sauvignon.

This wine is bottled and protected under screw cap as we believe it is the best closure for quality wine.

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