

# BROOKFIELDS 'Burnfoot' Merlot 2015



<b>Category:</b>	WINE		
<b>Style:</b>	RED WINE		
<b>Variety:</b>	MERLOT		
<b>Region:</b>	HAWKES BAY		
<b>Vintage:</b>	2015		
<b>Volume:</b>	750ml		
<b>Vineyard:</b>	The Burnfoot Vineyard is grown in the Tuki Tuki Valley on the northern side of the Tuki Tuki River opposite Te Mata Peak. Translated, Burnfoot is the property with the stream crossing at its foot. Trained on classical VSP trellis system, on free draining soils, the Merlot obtains excellent levels of ripeness, with good colour intensity, clean fruit, and ripe tannin development.		
<b>Vinification:</b>	Harvested fruit arrived at the winery on the 7th and 14th of April 2015, averaging 22.5 Brix. It was destemmed and crushed into stainless steel tanks. Fermentation immediately followed, at temperatures between 25 and 30 degrees Celsius. After 3 weeks of maceration, the wine was pressed, and underwent MLF. Time in French and American oak has softened the tannins, and generated a rich complexity in the flavours.		
<b>Appearance:</b>	Youthful magenta hue.		
<b>Palate:</b>	Bold as brass, the 2015 Burnfoot Merlot exhibits black fruits, leather, plum, wild herb, generous oak, and succulent tannins. The 2015 Burnfoot Merlot reflects the ripeness of the grapes at harvest - it was another good vintage for Merlot in the Tuki Tuki Valley.		
<b>Cellaring:</b>	10 years		
<b>Technical Analysis:</b>			
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.00%	<b>pH:</b>	3.4
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	Dry	<b>Packaging:</b>	1 x 750ml
<b>Titrateable Acidity:</b>	5.9g/L	<b>Hancocks Product:</b>	14632