

BROOKFIELDS

'Gold Label' Cabernet / Merlot 2016



Category:	WINE
Style:	RED WINE
Variety:	CABERNET
Region:	HAWKES BAY
Vintage:	2016
Volume:	750ml
Vineyard:	The Cabernet Sauvignon was grown at Ohiti Estate, and the Merlot on a northerly facing slope in the Tuki Tuki Valley. Both varieties are minimally cropped in order to maximize the fruit flavours. The Merlot was harvested on the 11th of April and the Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested on the 12th April. The Merlot clone is 481 and the Cabernet Sauvignon is the exciting LC10.
Vinification:	Both varieties were tank fermented on their skins at 25 - 30 degrees Celsius for at least 14 days with daily pump overs, then the juice was drained off and the grapes were pressed. Only the best pressings were added back to the free run juice. Malolactic fermentation then took place before it was transferred into new French oak barrels for 15 months maturation. The final blend is 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot.
Appearance:	Almost black in colour.
Bouquet:	With elevated blackberry, mocha, dried herbs and cigar box characters.
Palate:	The 2016 Gold Label Cabernet Merlot is bold and generous. With ripe and enticing tannins and nNew French oak notes resulting in a long lingering finish.
Cellaring:	10 years

Technical Analysis:

Alcohol:	14.00%	pH:	3.45
Residual Sugar:	Dry	Packaging:	1 x 750ml
Titrateable Acidity:	6.0g/L	Hancocks Product:	14776