

BROOKFIELDS

Gold Label Cabernet Merlot 2021



Category:	WINE
Style:	RED WINE
Variety:	CABERNET
Region:	HAWKES BAY
Vintage:	2021
Volume:	750ml
Vineyard:	The Cabernet Sauvignon was grown at Ohiti Estate in the Ohiti Valley, and the Merlot on Mere Road near Fernhill. Both varieties are minimally cropped in order to maximize the fruit flavours. The Merlot was harvested on the 10th of April and the Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc were harvested on the 9th and 13th of April respectively. The Merlot Clone is the reliable 481 and the Cabernet Sauvignon is the exciting LC10. There is also 10% Cabernet Franc in the blend also from Ohiti Estate.
Vinification:	The three varieties were grown in gravels, and tank fermented on their skins at 25 30 degrees celsius for at least fourteen 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 predominantly new French barrels.
Appearance:	Intense dark red
Palate:	The 2021 vintage was sensational, ripeness arrived in bucket loads with the grapes for the Gold Label all being harvested between 23 and 25 Brix. As a result the 2021 Gold Label Cabernet Merlot is a beast of a wine with blackberry, cigar box, toast, dried herb, and leather under pinned by a firm alcohol. While approachable now, time in the bottle will allow further complexity and subtle flavours to evolve.
Cellaring:	10+years

Technical Analysis:

Alcohol:	14.00%	pH:	3.52
Residual Sugar:	Dry	Packaging:	6 x 750ml
Titrateable Acidity:	5.66 g/L	Hancocks Product:	16221