



## Hettinga Estate Malbec/Merlot 2006

### Tasting Notes

A dark wine with the spicy, dry and soft taste of Malbec mixed with the berry fruit flavours of Merlot grapes. This warm soft wine, with subtle oak is made from the grapes of young vines planted in Hawke's Bay. Rich in colour with complex aromas, there is a touch of earthiness in the flavour.

### Viticulture Notes

The soil type and sunny conditions of Hawke's Bay provide an excellent combination for the production of premium wines with rich flavour.

Our vines and rootstock were selected using our previous experience from Europe and with the advice of NZ grape specialists. The vines, which originate from Corban in Auckland, are established on a mixed clone system with a row spacing of 2.5 meters arranged North to South with 6.6 metres for each vine to grow.

### Winemakers Notes

The processing, fermenting and bottling is a co-operation with other vineyards, undertaken with careful monitoring by the Hettinga Estate. We select the production source depending on the particular skills of each winemaker, the different needs of the selected grapes and harvest conditions.

### Food Match

Enjoy with venison and game dishes as well as red meats and vegetables.

### Technical Details

Alcohol: 12.5%

### Wine Reviews

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**BEST BUY and CONSUMER CHOICE AWARD:** A straightforward wine that is very enjoyable and will please many as is highlighted by its Consumers Choice Award. The wine has strong, smokey and spicy aromas that give way to ripe berry fruit flavours and soft tannins.

