



## 2013 Stanley Estates Merlot

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POINTS

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Reduced to clear- out it goes. Limited stock. A lovely dry and savoury Merlot, this is a welcome departure from the usual bold Hawkes Bay style. Elegant red and dark fruit nuances come in a light-coloured and medium-bodied package, so the focus is on the food-friendly nutty/savoury dimensions and fine structure of powdery tannins. A thinking person's Merlot and a statement in style, but very easy to enjoy with food.

### Grape

Merlot

### Its Origins

The vineyard is nestled under Mount Tapuae-O-Uenuku (Maori" "Footprint of the Rainbow"). At the top of the Southern Alps, it strongly influences the climate, with its rain shadow bestowing low rainfall and low humidity upon the Awatere Valley. Along with sunny days and cool nights this creates perfect conditions for slow steady ripening and flavour development. Awatere grapes have a distinctive fruity yet steely and herbaceous flavour quite different to those produced elsewhere in Marlborough.

### What The Critics Say

Wine Orbit, Sam Kim

"The wine combines appealing fruit richness with savoury undertone, displaying aromas of dark berry, game, spice and roasted nut. It is nicely weighted and textured on the palate with lovely generosity, finishing lingering and delicately dry. At its best: now to 2019."

Variety	Merlot
Colour	Red
Region	Hawkes Bay
Closure	Cap
Volume	750ml
Alcohol	13.00%
Maturity	2015 - 2019

### This Wine Goes Well With



### Taste

