

## CABLE BAY FIVE HILLS 2010

### Merlot/Malbec

### Waiheke Island



Cable Bay Vineyards is dedicated to crafting exquisite wines known for their subtlety, elegance and depth. Taking an Old World approach and combining it with New World techniques, Cable Bay's opulent wines are a stylish reflection of the land where they began.

All of Cable Bay's vineyards are accredited with SWNZ (Sustainable Wine Growing New Zealand).

<b>WINEMAKERS</b>	Neill Culley
<b>VARIETIES</b>	58% Merlot, 42% Malbec
<b>VINTAGE</b>	2010
<b>REGION</b>	Waiheke Island
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14%
<b>SWEETNESS</b>	Dry
<b>FERMENTATION/AGING</b>	Open top stainless steel fermenters, matured in French oak.
<b>CELLARING POTENTIAL</b>	Enjoyable upon release, this wine will reward cellaring for up to 7 years.

#### TASTING NOTE

An elegant blend of Merlot and Malbec, displaying ripe fruit and a touch of wild herb, balanced by fine, supple tannins. Warm, rich plum and cassis characters give rise to hints of mocha and cedar – Additional complexity will develop overtime.

#### FOOD MATCH

Cable Bay's Head Chef suggests serving this wine with a scotch fillet steak or slow roasted beef ribs.

#### VINEYARDS

This wine is produced from grapes grown on five hillside vineyards located at the Western end of Waiheke Island. The sun-drenched slopes and clay soils provide the ideal terroir for producing ripe, flavoursome Bordeaux grapes. The vineyards are managed using traditional techniques including shoot thinning, green harvest and hand leaf-plucking. The yield from these vines is low, typically 1.5 to 2 tonnes/acre, resulting in excellent concentration and length in the finished wine.

#### WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand harvested and gently crushed into small open top fermenters. During fermentation, hand plunging was used to ensure the gentle extraction of colour and tannins from the fruit. After a period of post-fermentation maceration, the free run wine only is run to French oak barriques for 14 months maturation. The final blend is a reflection of both the growing season, and the character each variety contributes to make an elegant, balanced wine.