

CABLE BAY EDWARDS VINEYARD MALBEC 2012 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).

WINEMAKERS	Neill Culley
VARIETIES	100% Malbec
VINTAGE	2012
REGION	Waiheke Island
ALCOHOL	13%
SWEETNESS	Dry
FERMENTATION/AGING	Small open top fermenters, matured in French oak barriques
CELLARING POTENTIAL	This wine will reward cellaring for up to 10 years, or alternatively, enjoy upon release.

TASTING NOTE

Spiced plum, smokey beef and leather aromas unreservedly fill the nose. The palate is well balanced and textural, with that classic Waiheke Island dusty earth character. The tannins are structural and tight, with nice mid palate weight and powerful drive through to a long finish. This wine will age well.

FOOD MATCH

A delicious cut of beef smoked in the BBQ with rosemary and manuka wood.

VINEYARDS

This wine is produced from grapes grown on one single vineyard site, the Edwards Vineyard, located at the Western end of Waiheke Island. The sun-drenched slopes and clay soils provide the ideal terroir for producing ripe, flavoursome Malbec. The vineyards are managed using traditional, environmentally sustainable techniques. The final yield from these vines is low, as we reduce the crop to one bunch per shoot, resulting in excellent concentration and length in the finished wine.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand picked 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 2 week period of post-fermentation maceration, the free-run wine only was pressed to French oak barriques for 18 months maturation. A traditional technique of egg white fining was employed before bottling, using fresh free range eggs. We only made 1 barrel of this wine, so we hope you enjoy the snapshot! We think Malbec is a fantastic wine on its