



CABLE BAY FIVE HILLS 2015

Malbec/Merlot

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	Chloe Somerset
VARIETIES	70% Malbec, 30% Merlot
VINTAGE	2015
REGION	Waiheke Island
ALCOHOL	13.5%
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 will be thoroughly enjoyable upon release.

TASTING NOTE

Smokey bacon, cocoa, freshly ground roasted coffee beans bay leaf and blackberry aromas combine to create a prolific statement. This is a powerful, complex beauty. The palate is rich, with solid tannin structure and an insane juiciness which persists through to a lengthy and nourishing finish. A good-looking, yet hard-hitting gangster in paradise.

FOOD MATCH

Barbequed Pork with a dry spice rub

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 Malbec and Merlot grapes. The vineyards are managed using traditional techniques all done by hand. The yield from these vines is low, resulting in that tell tale concentration and excellent tannin structure in the finished wine.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand picked and destemmed 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 two week period of post-ferment maceration, the free run wine only, was run to French oak barriques for 16 months maturation. The final blend is a reflection of both the growing season, and the character each variety contributes to make a powerful yet balanced wine.