Sileni Estates The Triangle Grand Reserve Merlot, Hawke's Bay 2018

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Sileni Estates

— Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Flavoursome, satisfying and moorish.

2019 Vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards Silver 2022

IWSC Silver 2022

Production

The Triangle Merlot is grown in the Bridge Pa Triangle, sub-region of Hawkes Bay. Warm temperatures, coupled with free draining red metal gravels, provide the ideal conditions for growing Merlot. Crops were thinned down to one bunch per shoot to provide concentrated flavours. Fruit for this reserve wine is de-stemmed and partially crushed into a mixture of open top fermenters and closed top tanks. The open top fermenters were hand plunged to extract colour and tannis from the skins prior to post-fermentation maceration. Primary fermentation took approximatey seven days, the wine then stayed on skins for a further three weeks before pressing. The wine then completed malolactic fermentation and matured in French oak barriques (225L) for 18 months before bottling. The final blend consists of 20% new oak and 5% second fill.

Tasting note

The Triangle Merlot has ripe and concentrated plum, dark berry and liquorice flavours, with hints of dark chocolate on the finish. Soft and velvety tannins provide the backbone for a rich wine that will cellar comfortably for a decade.

Food Match

A lovely lamb roast with all the trimmings.

ABV:
13.50%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Screwcap

Appellation:
Hawkes Bay

Winemaker:
Cairn Coghill

Grape Varieties:
Merlot 100%

Suitable for:
No

Allergen Info:
Contains Sulphites and No Other Allergens

Bottle Barcode:
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