



**N&E**  
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GRAND RESERVE

Hawkes' Bay  
**MERLOT**  
2018

Winemaker:	Nick Nobilo in collaboration with Barry Riwai
Varieties:	Merlot 48% Cabernet Franc 31% Malbec 21%
Region:	Hawkes Bay
Vintage:	2018
Fermentation:	Combination Stainless steel tanks/Wooden vats
Malolactic fermentation:	Yes, 100%
Maturation:	21 months in 100% French oak barrels.
Alcohol:	13.5% vol
Ph:	3.59
Total Acidity:	5.8 grams/litre
Residual Sugar:	<0.5 grams/litre
Cellaring Potential:	8 years

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## NICK & EDWIN SERIES

NICK & EDWIN is a collaboration of two friends and wine lovers from different countries and cultures, New Zealand and China. NICK & EDWIN aim to bring to consumers the world's most interesting wines to enjoy.

## THE SEASON

The 2018 season can be summed up as being an exceptionally dry summer and long dry but not too hot early autumn, perfect for ripening. Sufficient rain over the period allowed excellent balance between fruit and acidity to develop. Overall, a pleasing season conducive to full flavoursome wines being produced.

## WINEMAKING

The 2018 vintage was hand harvested over several blocks to produce a more complex wine. The grapes were destemmed and crushed and pumped to large open topped wooden vats where

fermentation took place over 15 days. Twice daily plunging of the cap was performed during fermentation. After fermentation the skins were pressed out and the new wine pumped into closed stainless steel tanks for 12 weeks where Malolactic fermentation took place. Once this had completed the new wine was pumped into new French oak barrels where it matured for 21 months before bottling.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2018 Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec displays bold flavours of berry fruits, plum with hints of Thyme. Balanced soft tannins pervade the taste finishing with a slightly peppery tang. The wine may be enjoyed with red meats such as beef and venison or Peking Duck and pork cuisine. Tripe too is nice. Serve at room temperature in large wide brim glasses.



*Nick Nobilo.*



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