



CLEARVIEW ESTATE WINERY

2009 ENIGMA

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This is our Merlot predominant 'Reserve' label. From the exceptional and incredibly ripe 2009 vintage comes this seductive and sensuous red wine. This wine ranks amongst the best reds ever produced in our history. A blend of 3 grape varieties, the flavours of plum, sweet spicy cassis, mint and earthy violets combine with long fine-grained tannins and sweet oak. Cellar for 3-12 years, or drink earlier for a more fruity style.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

The fruit was crushed and de-stemmed into 2000 litre tanks, cold macerated for 3 days and fermented with a mixture of wild and inoculated yeasts. Temperatures reached 32°C with a 4 hourly hand plunging and daily rack and returns. The wine spent 28 days undergoing extended maceration.

77% Merlot, 15% Malbec and 8% Cabernet Sauvignon matured for 18 months in predominantly new French oak barriques.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Formerly known as 'Reserve Merlot' or 'Reserve Merlot/Malbec', the name change is to allow for flexibility of blending options from year to year. Enigma has been chosen to reflect the variations of each vintage and the eclectic blending style of the winemaker! Previous vintages of this Merlot predominant blend have excelled with gold medals, 5 star ratings and Top of Wine show status including Air New Zealand Trophies for the 1994 and 1996 vintages.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

TA 5.7 pH 3.56 ALC. 14.5%

SUGGESTED DRINKING DATES

Now to 2016

ACCOLADES

Silver medal Hawke's Bay A&P Awards 2011
Top 100 Summer Sips METRO magazine 2011