



CLEARVIEW ESTATE WINERY

2006 ENIGMA

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This is our Merlot predominant 'Reserve' label. From the exceptional, but low-yielding 2006 vintage comes this seductive and sensuous red wine. A blend of 4 grape varieties, the flavours of plum, sweet spicy cassis, mint and earthy violets combine with long fine-grained tannins and sweet oak. Age from 3-12 years, 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 then spent 28 days undergoing extended maceration.

76% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec and 6% Cabernet Franc matured for 16 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 6.6 Ph 3.50 Alc 13.5%

SUGGESTED DRINKING DATES

Now to 2012

ACCOLADES

Gold medal – New Zealand International Wine Show 2008
Trophy – New Zealand International Wine Show 2008
Silver Medal Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2008