

# Merlot Cabernet— 2016

## COLLECTION

Collection wines: perfectly balanced fresh and elegant, with delicious drinkability.

### VINEYARDS

Fruit for this wine was sourced from our estate vineyard. We use a variety of clones grafted on 3309 and 101-14 rootstocks. All vines are cane pruned with bud reduction, shoot thinning and second set removal performed as required. Bunch thinning takes place as needed. Fruit selection is based on ripeness levels and flavour.

### WINEMAKING

The individual varieties were harvested separately at optimal ripeness, at the point where flavour has developed, and tannin structures have softened but still with enough natural acidity to give freshness. After destemming, the grapes were fermented separately with warm temperatures and regular pump overs to extract colour and flavour. Extended maceration on skins post ferment adds depth and complexity to both flavour and structure. At blending, fruit forward batches and some darker spicier barrels were selected to give excellent drinkability delivering immediate satisfaction.

94% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon.

### TASTING NOTE

An appealing, well balanced Hawke's Bay blend with a classic bouquet of fragrant vanilla spice, dark plum, liquorice and berry fruit. A finely textured and generous red, with a satisfying depth of flavour that flows through to a lingering savoury finish. The soft tannin and bright fruit profile are typical of the Bridge Pa district.

Perfect with your pasta or pizza nights, full flavoured dishes and red meat.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.53
Total acidity	5.4 g/l
Alcohol	13 %
Residual Sugar	<1 g/l

### ABOUT ALPHA DOMUS

From our origins in 1989, establishing both vineyard and winery, Alpha Domus was a pioneer in the renowned Bridge Pa Triangle Wine District of Hawke's Bay. New Zealand family owned, we have always been inspired to create beautiful wines of worth; the importance of quality and expert craftsmanship paramount. Alpha is derived from the first initials of the founding family members names in age descending order, Anthonius, Leonarda, Paulus, Henrikus and Anthonius, Domus is Latin for home.

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