

# The Fox Moth Merlot — 2019

## ESTATE

The classic 1932 Fox Moth aircraft helped open the world up to exciting new horizons of travel and adventure. Do the same for your taste buds with this opulent and appealing Merlot.

## VINEYARDS

Grapes were picked in several passes from our estate vineyard to obtain a range of ripeness levels and to add complexity. All vines are cane pruned and bud reduction, shoot thinning and second set removal performed as required. The 2019 vintage gave us the opportunity to pick Merlot grapes with exceptional flavour and balanced acidity.

## WINEMAKING

A blend of five individual parcels of Merlot from the vineyard, each parcel fermented, then matured in barrel separately. Fruit from older vines contribute depth and richness to the wine while fruit from younger vines give vibrancy and beautiful colour. Warm fermentation temperatures up to 28°C and extended skin contact maximise texture, weight and complexity. Individual barrels were selected for this wine based on quality of texture and tannins, but above all freshness of fruit flavour and aroma.

## TASTING NOTE

Wonderfully expressive and beautifully fruited, medium/full bodied with dark red plums, chocolate, boysenberry and floral tones. French oak imparts spice and vanilla. A lovely expression of the variety offering excellent drinkability. The vibrant varietal characters of this wine may be enjoyed when the wine is young however some cellaring will result in a more rounded, complex wine.

Soft supple tannins and a lingering finish make this an excellent food wine, ideally suited to red meat dishes and those casual pizza and pasta dinners.

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

pH	3.67
Total acidity	4.9 g/l
Alcohol	14 %
Residual sugar	Dry

## 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 Anthony, Domus is Latin for home.

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