

# 2021 RESERVE MERLOT CABERNET SAUVIGNON MALBEC



## WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes for this wine were sourced from the lower terrace of the Askerne vineyard, across different soil profiles from sandy silt through to gravels, giving wonderful complexity to the individual parcels that make up the blend. Each batch was fermented as individual varieties followed by extended post maceration on skins to build richness. After pressing, the wines were settled and racked to oak barriques. Here they completed malolactic fermentation and were matured for 12 months before blending. The final blend comprises of 52% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot. 40% new oak component and 15% second fill oak.

## ANALYSIS

pH 3.70  
TA 5.9g/L  
Alc 13.5%

## TASTING NOTE

Intensely fragrant with dark berry fruits, sweet vanillan spice, mocha and cedary oak notes. Perfumed florals supported with savoury tobacco and wild herb aromas. Fleshy and full of rich silky tannins, wonderfully concentrated berry fruit flavours, and a long juicy finish.

## AWARDS

Silver NZIWS 2023  
Silver Dish Magazine  
5 Stars Sam Kim Wine Orbit  
93 Points Cameron Douglas