



Elephant Hill

2009 Elephant Hill Merlot

Elephant Hill is a producer of premium Hawke's Bay wine. Located on the Te Awanga coast, our vineyard enjoys a temperate, dry climate and an extended growing season. Cooled by afternoon sea breezes our shingle vineyard allows us to grow wines that display wonderful fruit purity and elegance.

The 2009 Elephant Hill Merlot was harvested by hand from our hillside vineyard overlooking Cape Kidnappers and the Pacific Ocean. The cooling sea breeze allows us to extend the growing season for our vines and not risk over-ripeness in the fruit. Five tonne of Merlot was carefully de-stemmed to an open top cuve and fermented vigorously over a five day period, then gently pressed to new oak barriques. Slow malolactic fermentation in barrel and minimal intervention has created a classic elegant Merlot.

Black fruits, mocha and herbes de provence flavours subtly merge to offer a long lingering finish. Ripe black doris plums continue to fill the palate alongside delicious undertones of crème caramel and cinnamon.

Our Elephant Hill 2009 Merlot is excellent to drink now and will cellar superbly for the next five years.



2009 Elephant Hill Merlot Harvest Analysis

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| Brix (% Sugar): | 24.3 |
| T.A (grams/litre) | 5.9 |
| pH | 3.36 |

Wine Analysis

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| Alcohol Content (%v/v) | 13.2 |
| T.A. (g/L) | 6.0 |
| pH | 3.55 |
| Residual Sugar (g/L) | DRY |

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