

ELEPHANT HILL RESERVE MERLOT/ CABERNET FRANC / SAUVIGNON 2017



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Product Code:	4653	Closure:	Screw Cap
Country:	New Zealand	Unit:	Each
Region:	Hawkes Bay	Volume:	750ml
Style:	Red	Alcohol:	13.5%
Variety:	Cabernet / Merlot Blend	Grape:	52% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec
Producer:	Elephant Hill		



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TASTING NOTES

Winery notes (2017 Vintage)

"This Hawke's Bay Reserve blend is composed of 52% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Malbec from our Gimblett and Triangle vineyards. The élevage of this wine was 26 months in French oak (35% new) and additional 5 months on lees in stainless steel tank. This wine was not fined prior to bottling on 13th November 2019.

Still a youthful wine with aromas of warm spices and dark juicy fruits. This wine exudes elegance on the palate with an abundance of blackberries, black plums and black cherries flavours wrapped up in notes of chocolate, capsicum, pink peppercorn and violet petals."

5 Stars & 95/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, March 2020 (2017 Vintage)

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"Classically composed and gorgeously styled, the wine shows cassis, dark cherry, spicy oak, olive and subtle cocoa characters on the nose. It's concentrated and wonderfully flavoursome on the palate, while remaining firmly structured by chalky tannins, leading to an impressively long sturdy finish. At its best: 2021 to 2030."

Rated Excellent & 94/100 Cameron Douglas MS, March 2020 (2017 Vintage)

"Immediately captivating bouquet with dark berries and violets, dark wood spices and, plums, blackberry and dried herbs; quite complex and alluring. On the palate - intense, sweet fruited with blackberry and dark plum, olive and a touch of boot-polish and tar. Ripe tannins, medium+ acidity, a core of fruit, clove and vanilla, violet and tobacco. Lengthy finish, persistent flavours and extremely food friendly. Well made. Best drinking from today and through 2026+."

5 Stars Michael Cooper (2017 Vintage)

"Fragrant and full-bodied, it has concentrated blackcurrant, plum, spice and nut flavours, complex and savoury, and a well-rounded finish."

5 Stars & 19/20 Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Reviews, August 2020 (2017 Vintage)

"Deep, ruby-red with a black hue, lighter on edge. The bouquet is poise and harmonious with fragrances of violet, medicinal herbs, along with cassis, dark plums, cedar and tobacco lingers with good intensity. Full-bodied, the palate has good concentrated flavours of an amalgam of cassis, dark plums, red berries, along with violet and medicinal herbs, unveiling tobacco, cedar and oak spice detail. The fruit is juicy and fresh, lifted by lacy acidity, shows strength and vitality. Velvety fine-grained tannin extraction provides structure and backbone, immersing cedar and tobacco detail, lengthen the sustained finish in harmony. The is a well-crafted Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon blend, displaying succulent fruit flavour, violet, herbaceous detail on a fine-grained tannin structure with cedar and tobacco detail. Match with beef tomahawk and roasted lamb leg over the next 5-8 years. Fruit from Gimblett and Triangle vineyards, composed of 52% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Malbec. Aged 26 months in French oak, 35% new. Further aged 5 months in stainless steel on lees. 13.5% alc."

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