

# VINO FINO

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## ELEPHANT HILL STONE MERLOT / CABERNET 2020



**\$64.99**

Product Code:	5864
Country:	New Zealand
Region:	Hawkes Bay
Sub Region:	Gimblett Gravels
Style:	Red
Variety:	Cabernet / Merlot Blend
Producer:	<a href="#">Elephant Hill</a>

Closure:	Screw Cap
Unit:	Each
Volume:	750ml
Alcohol:	14.5%
Grape:	53% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Cabernet Franc



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### TASTING NOTES

#### **Winery notes** (2020 Vintage)

"Our STONE vineyard is composed of gravel and silt layers originally formed after a great flood of the Ngaruroro River in 1867. The river stones absorb and radiate heat on the vines to create concentrated, structured, bold, age-worthy wines."

#### **5 Stars & 97/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, September 2023** (2020 Vintage)

"This is immediately captivating on the nose, showing blackcurrant, Black Doris plum, floral, mixed spice and cedar notes, followed by an impressively weighty palate that's plump and substantial. Beautifully framed by finely infused tannins, it's gutsy and sophisticated at the same time with a prolonged structured finish. From Gimblett Gravels. At its best: 2025 to 2037."

#### **Rated Outstanding & 95/100 Cameron Douglas MS, October 2023** (2020 Vintage)

A bouquet of muscle and power, ripeness and enticement with roasted plums and dark berries, boysenberry and blue fruits.

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Other aromas come from the scents of smoky wood and cacao, clove and baked vanilla pod, dark plums and violets. There's a suggestion of black licorice, freshly roasted coffee bean and bitter chocolate. Firm, dry, an abundance of plums and fine tannins, a salty acid line and baked nut quality. Delicious and refreshing, plenty of weight and intensity, a wine that can be enjoyed today, aged and well matched to food anytime. Best drinking from 2026 through 2036+."

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## **5 Stars & 19.0/20 (95) Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Reviews, October 2023** (2020 Vintage)

"Full, deep ruby-red, lighter on edge. The nose is full and enticing with blackberry, cassis, plum, menthol, violet, stony minerals aromas and an amalgam of spice. Full-bodied, red plum, cassis and blackberry aromas interweaved with violet, stony minerals, clove, nutmeg, liquorice and savoury elements. A mealy palate packed with smooth, fine-grained tannins, iron-rich minerals and savoury elements. The fruit is concentrated with a great balance of sweet and sour; spices linger to a long, sustained finish. This red blend shows a concentrated, weighty, smooth mouthfeel, packed with richness, spice and beautiful fruit balance. Match with barvette steak and short ribs over the next 10 years. Fruit from 100% Stone vineyard in Gimblett Gravels, 53% Merlot clone 181, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon clone 10 and 23% Cabernet Franc clone 326, fermented to 14.5% alc, natural spring MLF. Aged 24 months in barrels 23% new oak, further 4 months in tanks on light lees. 300 cases produced."

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## OPEN HOURS

10am to 6pm - Monday to Friday  
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