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## VILLA MARIA RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON / MERLOT 2020

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**\$24.99**

**WINERY CLEARANCE** From the excellent 2020 Hawkes Bay vintage this is a rather special wine - price and quality.

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| Product Code: | 4020                        | Closure: | Screw Cap                          |
| Country:      | New Zealand                 | Unit:    | Each                               |
| Region:       | Hawkes Bay                  | Volume:  | 750ml                              |
| Sub Region:   | Gimblett Gravels            | Alcohol: | 13.5%                              |
| Style:        | Red                         | Grape:   | 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot |
| Variety:      | Cabernet / Merlot Blend     |          |                                    |
| Producer:     | <a href="#">Villa Maria</a> |          |                                    |



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### TASTING NOTES

**Double Gold Medal - Global Fine Wine Challenge 2025**

**Gold Medal - New Zealand International Wine Show 2022**

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

"This densely coloured wine shows lovely aromatics with layers of dark berries, cassis, and roasted coffee bean, mingling with floral and spice nuances. The palate is rich and concentrated with a soft plush mid-palate framed by finely textured tannin

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and integrated oak. While approachable in its youth, this wine will benefit and gain additional complexity from careful cellaring.

2020 will be remembered as a great Hawkes Bay vintage. Early season rainfall enabled healthy vines to get established followed by a hot and dry Spring. Some cooler weather in January ensured natural acidity and freshness was retained in the grapes, then a warm dry harvest period allowed the fruit to be harvested in great condition with good ripeness.

Grown entirely in the Gimblett Gravels sub-region in Hawkes Bay, our vineyards contributed parcels of exceptional fruit. The Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from 2 blocks within our Vidal vineyard and the Merlot is grown on our Omahu Gravels vineyard. The free-draining soils of these sites help ensure balanced fruit and canopy growth, contributing ripe flavours and tannin development. Yields are kept low allowing vines to produce fruit that is richly concentrated in colour, flavour and structure."

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## **Rated Outstanding & 95/100 Cameron Douglas MS, July 2022** (2020 Vintage)

"Pure, ripe and complex bouquet of dark berries and primary red fruit scents. Blackberry and dark cherry, boysenberry and Doris plum then aromas of oak and spices - clove and baked vanilla with some anise moments, toasty barrel and iron and minerality. Excellent complexity and concentration on the palate. Fruit flavours reflect the bouquet accentuated by a strong backbone of acidity and abundance of tannins and flavour. A lengthy complex finish can only lead to an even better wine of allowed to develop and age. Best drinking likely from 2028 through 2040 if stored well."

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## **5 Stars & 95/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, July 2022** (2020 Vintage)

"Splendidly composed and structured, showing blackcurrant, rich floral, dried herb and spicy oak aromas, it's flavoursome and generous on the palate with excellent depth and textured mouthfeel. It's sturdy and robust, yet beautifully polished and lingering with complex flavours. At its best: now to 2035."

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## CONTACT VINO FINO

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## OPEN HOURS

10am to 6pm - Monday to Friday  
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