

TWO GATES



MERLOT CABERNET FRANC

HAWKE'S BAY 2010

VINEYARD

Two Gates Vineyard is planted on classic river terraces at Maraekakaho, Hawke's Bay, chosen for their cool nights and low rainfall. Grapes grown here will continue to exhibit finesse, balance and complexity as the vines age and our organic approach builds the uniqueness of our handcrafted wines. Our Merlot is sourced from the original Two Gates vineyard situated on deep river gravels near Hastings.

WINEMAKING

Our Merlot and Cabernet Franc were picked and fermented separately, leaving our options open as to the final blend proportions. After the wine rested on skins for around 28 days, it was pressed and run to our cellars. Matured in French oak barrels for 22 months, this wine shows an extra complexity and rounded palate as a result.

NOTES

Deep in colour with crimson edges, the nose of this wine displays aromas of plum, cassis and spice characters, while the palate is full, powerful and soft with excellent balance. A wine made with a plush drinkability, but that will benefit from some time in bottle.

Alc: 14%

Std drinks: 8.3 standard drinks.

Allergens: Contains sulphites. Traditional fining using egg whites, traces may remain.



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