



TW Wines

The concept of TW was born on a fishing trip to Waikarimoana in 1997, where two of the group, Geordie Witters and Paul Tietjen, travelled to Lake Waikarimoana together. They talked along the way about grapes, wine, and a few other things, and realised they both had ideas of producing top quality wines. Both vineyards had accumulated several awards for wines produced from their respective vineyards so they decided to start research into prospective winemakers, and wineries that could blend the flavours from the two vineyards into a quality wine.

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TW Gisborne Merlot 2007

Tasting Note

Deep garnet, this Gisborne Merlot from the Golden Slope shows complex aromas of black berries, mixed spice and vanilla. The palate is brimming with the flavour of sweet black plums and cherries. Mouth filling and long, your mouth is left with lingering flavours of fruitcake and spice.

Winemaking Techniques

After a wonderful summer, the grapes for this wine were carefully harvested and destemmed to two small open top fermenters where it was hand plunged three times daily, after inoculating with yeast selected for enhancing spice and complexity. Once the ferment was dry, the wine was pressed and briefly settled before transferring to American oak barriques for malolactic fermentation and maturation. After 16 months maturation, the wine was carefully fined and filtered before bottling.

Technical Details

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| Variety | Merlot |
| Region | Gisborne, Golden Slope |
| Brix at Harvest | 23.1 |
| Alcohol | 13.5% |
| Residual Sugar | 1g/L |
| Total Acidity | 5.85g/L |
| pH | 3.43 |

Winemaker

Anita Ewart-Croy

Recommended Accompanying Foods

Wonderful with succulent lamb or beef, or with your favourite cheeses. Perfect with rich tomato and black olive based Italian dishes too!

Cellaring

This wine shows good tannin structure and should age for at least 5 years.

Main Markets

New Zealand, Britain, Germany

Recommended Retail Price

\$NZ 25.00

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