

## MERLOT 2004

Silks is our Premium Varietal range of wines that display the essential ripe fruit flavours of each grape variety. A new generation from Fairbrothers that honours our rich horse racing heritage, Silks evokes the fashion, colour, passion, glamour and excitement of raceday drawing inspiration from the racing colours worn by jockeys.

### TASTING NOTES

Silks Merlot 2004 is a contemporary wine style that shows excellent ripe fruit and supple tannins.

A fruit driven Merlot made from ripe grapes specially chosen for their concentrated flavours and soft tannin structure. In the vineyard careful management of the canopy of the vines and crop thinning were employed to maximise ripe fruit flavours and texture in the finished wine. This wine has been enhanced by 12 months maturation in oak.

#### Colour

Dark red with plum hues.

#### Bouquet

Concentrated dark plum and berry with sweet, spicy oak.

#### Palate

Ripe plums and spice integrated with sweet oak. Full-bodied with round smooth tannins.

#### Cellaring

Can be enjoyed now or cellared for up to 5 years from vintage date.

#### Food Suggestion

May be enjoyed with contemporary red meat dishes – try lamb, venison and duck.

#### The Corban family

The Corban family has been making wine in New Zealand for more than 100 years. Today their story continues at Fairbrothers Estate Wines - the picturesque winery in the century old Racing Stables in Hawke's Bay.



#### Technical Notes

<b>Vintage</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Hawke's Bay</b>
<b>Winemaker</b>	<b>Alwyn Corban</b>
	<b>Peter Gough</b>
<b>Grape Ratio</b>	<b>Merlot 90%</b>
	<b>Malbec 10%</b>
<b>Alc/Vol</b>	<b>14.0 %</b>
<b>Total Acid</b>	<b>4.9 g/l</b>
<b>pH</b>	<b>3.65</b>



