

MERLOT CABERNET 2002

The Alwyn range of wines represents the Winemaker's Reserve. Produced only from the best fruit in outstanding vintages, these are Alwyn Corban's signature wines, the best Ngatarawa produces.

TASTING NOTES

Alwyn is Ngatarawa's finest Merlot Cabernet. An outstanding wine of contemporary style that shows concentration, excellent ripe fruit, balance and sophistication.

The vines were leaf plucked and the fruit thinned at veraison to ensure maximum exposure to the sun, concentration of flavours and colour. The wines were processed in small batches and matured in barriques. After twelve months the Merlot and Cabernet components were assembled for tasting.

Colour

Deep burgundy with crimson hues.

Bouquet

Plum, ripe berries, leather, spicy oak with hints of liquorice

Palate

Full-bodied with concentrated plum and sweet berry fruit and fine, supple tannin. Excellent weight with a long, rich finish.

Cellaring

This wine will benefit from bottle maturation for five to 10 years.

Food Suggestion

Enjoy with red meats, especially beef or mature hard cheeses.

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

Vintage	2002
Region	Hawke's Bay
Winemaker	Alwyn Corban Peter Gough
Grape Ratio	Merlot 80% Cabernet Sauv. 20%
Alc/Vol	13.5%
Total Acid	6/3g/l
Residual Sugar	<2g/l
pH	3.61



