

PREVIOUS VINTAGES AWARDS & REVIEWS

2002 MERLOT

Tom McDonald Memorial Trophy for Champion Classical Red Table Wine Romeo Bragato Wine Awards, NZ 2004

Best Merlot of Show

Romeo Bragato Wine Awards, NZ 2004

Gold Medal

Romeo Bragato Wine Awards, NZ 04

Silver Medals

Eastern International Wine Competition, USA 2004 New World International Wine Competition, USA 2004 Los Angeles County Fair, USA 2004 Romeo Bragato Wine Awards, NZ 2003 Liquorland Top 100, NZ 2003

87 Points – Wine Enthusiast, USA 2004 "Dense concentrated with big, jammy fruit"

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Silver Medal

Romeo Bragato Wine Awards, NZ 2002

2003 15 ROWS RESERVE MERLOT

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Silver Medal, Air NZ Wine Awards (04)

TASTING NOTES

The 15 rows of grapes for this estate grown 100% Merlot wine were closely managed in the vineyard. Excess fruit was dropped to ensure maximum ripeness, and the grapes were handpicked in excellent condition.

Aged entirely in oak for 15 months (French and American), this wine is rich in colour and elegant in structure, with aromas of spice, dark plums and cedar. The palate is well balanced with warm mouth-filling flavours of blackcurrant, mulberry, dark chocolate and spice. Full body and supple tannins give this wine a beautiful finish.

Brix at harvest: 23.5

Residual Sugar: <1 g/L

Titratable Acidity: 5.9 g/L

Bottling Date: 19th July 2004

Cases Made: 295