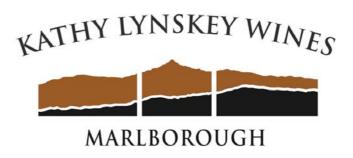
PREVIOUS VINTAGES AWARDS & REVIEWS



2005 15 ROWS RESERVE MERLOT

Gold Medal - Romeo Bragato Wine Awards, NZ 2006
Silver Medal - West Coast Wine Competition, USA2007
Silver Medal - New World Intnl' Wine Comp, USA2007
Silver Medal - Finger Lakes Intnl' Wine Comp, USA2007
4 Stars! Excellent & Elegant - Restaurant Wine, USA 2007
"Excellent Merlot, in an elegant style that is closer to
Bordeaux than California. It is fruity in character; plum,
blueberry, black currant, cherry, with overtones of cocoa,
herbs, and oak; crisp, medium long finish".

TASTING NOTES

We closely managed the 15 rows of grapes for this estate grown 100% Merlot. Excess fruit was dropped to ensure maximum ripeness, and the grapes handpicked in optimum condition. When fully ripened in a cool climate, Merlot displays layers of complex flavours and this 2005 vintage is no exception.

Aged entirely in oak for 15 months (French and American), this wine is rich in colour and elegant in structure, with aromas of blackberry spice, plums and cedar. The palate is full bodied with flavours of ripe blackberry, mulberry, chocolate and spice. Silky tannins and a soft mouthfeel give this wine a beautiful finish.

Brix at harvest: 24.5

Residual Sugar: <1 g/L

Titratable Acidity: 6.0 g/L

Cases Made: 260

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2004 MERLOT

West Coast Wine Comp. USA, 2004 **90 Points** – The Wine Enthusiast, USA 2006

4 Stars – Cuisine Magazine, NZ 2006 **Silver Medals**

Romeo Bragato Wine Awards, NZ 2005 Air New Zealand Wine Awards, 2005 Royal Easter Show, NZ 2006 New World Intl. Wine Comp, USA 2006 Intl. Eastern Wine Comp, USA 2007

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**

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2001 MERLOT

Tom McDonald Memorial Trophy for Champion Classical Red Table Wine Romeo Bragato Wine Awards, NZ 2003 Gold Medals

Romeo Bragato Wine Awards, NZ 2003 Liquorland Top 100, NZ 2003 Air New Zealand Wine Awards, 02

