

## **2013 CERESIA Merlot /Cabernet Franc**

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### **5 STARS**

The very elegant, Bordeaux-like 2013 vintage (5\*) was hand-picked in Hawke's Bay at 'ideal sites', matured for 22 months in French oak barrels, and bottled unfinned and unfiltered. Full and youthful in colour, it's a notably savoury and supple, full-bodied wine with concentrated, well-ripened blackcurrant, plum and spice flavours, oak complexity, and fine-grained tannins. Already delicious, it should be at its best from 2017 onwards.