



OMAKA SPRINGS
ESTATES

2013 Merlot



History

Omaka Springs Estates is the sole producer of estate wines and olive oil in the Omaka Valley of Marlborough. All of our grapes and olives are grown on our 180 acre estate located in the very heart of the valley and all of our wine is created on-site by Winemaker, Ian Marchant. "Omaka" is a Maori word which translates to "where the springs flow." Here in the valley, there are mineral-rich natural springs that meander through our vineyards, feeding the soils, and ultimately imparting a distinct signature nuance of minerality in our wines.

Terroir

The Omaka Valley is a relatively flat area made up of free-draining, lighter soils and a mix of stones with some clay. The Southern Valleys benefit from diurnal temperature variations, meaning the area experiences warm, sunny days in contrast to very cool nights.

Tasting Notes

Varietal: Merlot

Appellation: Southern Valleys, Marlborough

Alcohol: 13.5%

Vineyard: Omaka Valley

Brix at Harvest: 21

Barrel Aging: 10 months in 20% New American Oak

Residual Sugar: <1G/

Our Merlot is vibrant ruby red with tempting white chocolate and cinnamon aromas on the nose and subtle vanilla nuance. The palate will experience flavours of ripe, rich cherries and plums, complemented by spicy cedar. The finish is long, soft and velvety smooth.



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