



OMAKA SPRINGS  
ESTATES  
*Estate Grown*  
MERLOT  
2014  
MARLBOROUGH  
WINE OF NEW ZEALAND

### 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 Note

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. Great for cold winter nights next to the log fire 😊

**Varietal:** Merlot

**Appellation:** Southern Valleys, Marlborough

**Vineyard:** Kennedys Road Vineyard

**Barrel Aging:** 12 months in 35% new American Oak

**Cases Produced:** 600

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Brix at Harvest:** 22.5

**Residual Sugar:** <0g/l

### Foods:

Our Merlot is great by itself but if you want to take your senses to a new level, then partner this wine up with some Marlborough venison from up the back of the Wairau Valley. Quite delicious with winter casseroles and definitely sumptuous with strong cheeses. Enjoy!

..... "this wine shows elegant fruit intensity, with bottle matured complexity.." **Wine Orbit (New Zealand)**

..... "this is a savoury Merlot with funky meat and game flavours.." **Raymond Chan (New Zealand)**

