

# ASKERNE 2015 MERLOT CABERNET FRANC CABERNET SAUVIGNON MALBEC

## WINEMAKING NOTES

This wine was made from grapes grown on both the stony, sandy lower terrace of the vineyard and the heavier The varietal mix was 65% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 11% Malbec, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Petit Verdot

The grapes were soaked for 4 to 7 days then fermented. The wine was then aged for 10 months in oak barrels, 25% new including some American oak.

TA 5.2g/l

Alcohol 13.5%

## TASTING NOTES

This complex blend showcases a great vintage on our Havelock North vineyard. Dark and brooding on the nose with black doris plum, aromatic jasmine and underlying mineral notes of graphite and tar. The palate is broad and soft with supple front palate tannins and soft vanilla oak enveloping the fruit.

Drink now or cellar for 5-7 years

## AWARDS

Wine Orbit 4.5 Stars

Raymond Chan 4 stars

Gold H.B A&P Bayleys Wine Awards

Silver Air NZ Awards

