

## **NELSON MERLOT 2019**



Vineyard: Seifried Edens Road Vineyard

Sugar at Harvest: 23.7°Brix Date of Harvest: Early April 2019

pH of Wine: 3.48 T.A of Wine: 6.8g/L

Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans: Yes

"Brightly fruited and beautifully lifted, the bouquet shows dark plum, mulberry, olive, almond and floral aromas, followed by a supple palate that's smooth and lingering."

4 Stars - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, July 2020

## The Vineyard

The 2019 Seifried Nelson Merlot comes from our Edens Road Vineyard. This vineyard is bordered by the Wairoa River and is notable for its exceptionally stony soil structure. The free draining soil is very harsh on our vineyard equipment, but vital for holding the warmth of the Nelson sun and for ripening grapes.

## Winemakers Note

Fruit was harvested in early April 2019, and was fermented in stainless steel open top fermenters, over a two and a half week period. The fermenting grapes were plunged twice daily throughout fermentation to help extract colour, tannin and to build structure into the wine.

The young wine was then drained to oak barrels immediately following primary fermentation to begin malolactic fermentation. It was aged in one, two and three year old French barriques for a period of one year.

Tasting Note

The 2019 Seifried Nelson Merlot is from a small parcel of Merlot blended from this exceptional vintage in Nelson. We enjoyed a very hot, dry growing season which resulted in some outstanding parcels of fruit.

The Merlot is opulent on the nose with dark berries, plum and coffee aromas. The palate has layers of supple tannins and ripe fruits leading to a rich full palate.

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