HOUSE OF TOWNEND

Radburnd Cellars Merlot Cabernet

Price	£45.99
Code	RADB010

Highly respected winemaker Kate Radburnd, produces small parcels of her very best wine in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. “They’re not big blockbuster wines. They’re proudly cool climate wines, aged in French oak, with a lovely line of pure fruit, subtlety and elegance. The pristine fruit paired with refreshing acidity means there’s a restraint about them allowing them to age beautifully.”

Tasting Notes:

Aged for 21 months new and seasoned French oak, this is a powerful, yet restrained and elegant wine, with wonderfully lifted aromas of wild berry fruits. The palate reveals layers of complexity. Intense dark fruits with cassis and plum fruits combining deliciously and the finish is long and impressive.



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Specification	
Vinification	Batches of hand harvested fruit was chilled overnight before processing the following day. Chilled bunches were hand sorted and de-stemmed, and whole berries were transferred to open fermenters with some foot stomping. Whole bunches were also incorporated in some of the Merlot fermenters. The berries were cold soaked before fermentation, with pumping over twice per day then pressed to barriques at the end of fermentation. The Merlot and Cabernet matured for 21 months in new and seasoned French oak barriques. Blended in December 2019 and bottled in January 2020, the final blend is approximately 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon.
ABV	13.5%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink now through to 2025
Country	New Zealand
Region	Hawkes Bay
Type	Red Wine
Grape Mix	70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet
Genres	Fine Wine, Vegetarian
Vintage	2018
Body	Hearty, rustic and full flavoured
Producer	Radburnd Cellars
Producer Overview	“Radburnd Cellars is a dream come true for me – and I don’t say that lightly. It’s incredibly invigorating to create a winery with a clean slate so we’re able to completely focus on making small parcels of the absolute best wines we can - and that’s something that I have wanted to do for a very long time." Kate Radburnd is one of New Zealand’s most highly respected winemakers. For over 35 years she’s been doing what she loves most – making great wine and sharing the knowledge, firstly at Vidal and the at Pask, which she joined as head winemaker, and then became part owner aswell as running the company. Awards have been numerous, with her 1998 Pask Reserve Merlot awarded the Bordeaux Trophy at the International Wine Challenge in 2000. **Read more online**
Closure Type	Screw Cap
Food Matches	Especially good with lamb, veal or beef, either cooked or grilled. Also offers a great match to many strong cheeses.
Press Comments	Delicately aromatic and seamless red with floral, violet, blackcurrant bud, fresh herbs, raspberry, and spicy flavours. A backbone of fine, drying tannins suggests cellaring potential. 2020–2030 Bob Campbell MW 94/100 ★★★★ “Released October 2020. 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kate Radburnd has 35 vintages under her belt and until now has made wine for other people, mainly at Pask. Here she launches her own label. These grapes were hand-picked from free-draining sites. Aged for 21 months in a mix of French barriques. TA 5.8 g/l. Appetising, gently textured wine that's far from a blockbuster but has good integrity. **Read more online**