



# VILLA MARIA

## NEW ZEALAND



### PRODUCER PROFILE

Winemaker: Helen Morrison  
Estate founded: 1961  
Winery production: 2,400 Bottles  
Region: Hawke's Bay  
Country: New Zealand

## Villa Maria Ngakirikiri 2019

### WINE DESCRIPTION

'Ngakirikiri' in Māori, refers to the unique gravel soils that define the Hawkes Bay, Gimblett Gravels growing appellation, a befitting name for this stony Hawkes Bay vineyard sited on what was an ancient riverbed. The Gimblett Gravels sub-region is a majestic site with a reputation for beautiful and thought-provoking wines.

This Villa Maria flagship wine is only made when exceptionally rare conditions produce truly outstanding wines for consideration. Our Icon wines represents the pinnacle of our winemaking achievements and a milestone in Villa Maria's history.

### TASTING NOTES

Upon pouring, this deep purple colored wine gradually yields notably intense and pure aromatics of cassis, black plum and anise, with ground coffee bean, graphite, fragrant thyme and cedar nuances also vying for attention. Layers of concentrated flavors emerge and flow beautifully across the palate from start to finish, with optimally ripe fruit, fine-grained tannins and supportive oak enhancing overall texture and richness at each point along the way. This full-bodied wine will benefit and gain additional complexity from careful cellaring over the next 15-20 years.

### VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Bottles produced of this wine: 2,400

### WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition: 95% Cabernet, 5% Merlot

Length of aging before bottling: 18 months

### ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH level: 3.73

Residual sugar: 0.3 g/L

Acidity: 6.36 g/L

Dry extract: 32.6 g/L