

# The Falcon

<b>SERVING TEMPERATURE:</b>	Best served 14-18°C
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Chloe Gabrielsen
<b>ALC (ABV):</b>	13.5%Vol
<b>TA:</b>	5.9g/L
<b>RS:</b>	0.2g/L
<b>PH:</b>	3.61
<b>PACKAGING:</b>	6x750mL bottles screw cap closure



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Lake Chalice 2019 Vintage

## Merlot

This is a silky, full-bodied, Hawke's Bay Merlot that's seductively deep plum red in colour.

Let's go on an intimate getaway so you can get to know the bouquet and taste of this fine Merlot personally.

As we enter the little hotel, our host greets us with the aroma of dark plums and black forest fruits. We pass a kitchen door slightly ajar and catch a hint of spicy black peppercorns.

With a cheeky smile and wink, the host points us in the direction of our room upstairs. They know what we're really here for, The taste, of course. Awaiting us is an indulgent, silky boudoir full of dark fruits, damson plum and black cherries.

Shall we toast ourselves by the fire? Now would be the perfect time to take the top off this Merlot and pour a couple of glasses.

**Region:** Hawke's Bay

**Style:** Dry

**Vineyard:** Sourced exclusively from a select blend of vineyards in the Hawke's Bay region including the renowned Gimblett Gravels.

**Vinification:** The harvested fruit was transported overnight from Hawke's Bay to our Marlborough winery. On arrival, the grapes were inoculated with yeast to begin the fermenting process. We regularly plunged and pumped-over for high flavour extraction during fermentation. The wine was carefully pressed, and matured in a combination of stainless tank and French oak up until time of bottling.

**Appearance:** Deep plum red

**Bouquet:** Dark plum and black forest fruit aromas with hints of spicy black peppercorns.

**Palate:** A full, round and silky structured wine loaded with dark fruits, damson plums and black cherries. The palate is complex with structured tannin and a long toasty finish. You won't want it to end.

**Cellaring:** Enjoy now or—if you're a sadistic cellaring type—cellar up to 7 years.

