



## 2020 Elephant Hill Le Phant Rouge

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Established in 2003, Elephant Hill is located within a stone's throw of the Pacific Ocean on the idyllic Te Awanga coast of Hawke's Bay on New Zealand's North Island.

The winemaking at Elephant Hill is driven by tradition while not losing sight of what innovation can bring to the blend. Our aim is to make wines that are balanced, elegant and a true expression of the vineyards they come from.

## Vintage Overview

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Simply the perfect, once in a lifetime, vintage! We couldn't have wished for a better summer and autumn with warm and dry conditions throughout. The growing season was not hot, so allowing us to harvest grapes with good natural acidity and freshness, moderate alcohol and good flavour. All varieties have produced wines that show elegance,

## Winemaking

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41% Merlot, 24% Syrah, 18% Tempranillo, 12% Malbec, 3% Cab Sauv, 2% Cab Franc from all three vineyard sites, fermented in separate batches, then carefully blended to create a unique Hawke's Bay red wine. Minimal handling and 12 months light oak ageing only, to maintain the purity of fruit flavours.

## Tasting Note

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A medium bodied Merlot dominant blend, displaying blackberry, cassis and plum characters with succulent texture, very rounded and juicy, with a great silky-smooth length. Drink now and for at least 6 -8 years from vintage.

## Review

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## Technical Data

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### Vineyard

55% Bridge Pa Triangle  
35% Gimblett Gravels  
10% Te Awanga

### Wine

Alcohol: 13.5%  
Residual sugar: <1g/L



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