

PURIRI HILLS

WINE OF NEW ZEALAND

ESTABLISHED IN 1996, PURIRI HILLS IS A FAMILY-OWNED VINEYARD IN CLEVEDON, PRODUCING ESTATE GROWN AND BOTTLED WINES ORIGINALLY INSPIRED BY THE GREAT BORDEAUX BLENDS OF ST EMILION AND POMEROL

2019 ESTATE

Our Estate is often the first wine from Puriri Hills that people taste as it is a favourite of many fine dining restaurants. Often more approachable and ready to drink a bit younger. It is very expressive of the vintage year by year.

VINTAGE

2019 provided excellent growing conditions, the vintage was characterised by warm temperatures and limited rainfall. Early summer was wet, though conditions dried out post veraison and remained warm and dry through harvest. Yield for the vintage was up with ~16 tones picked.

BLEND

68% Merlot
12% Carmenère
8% Malbec
6% Cabernet Franc
6% Cabernet Sauvignon

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel-aged in ~60% new French oak for ~21 months
Production less than 5050 bottles
Alcohol Content 12.8%
Contains Sulphites
Bottled under 45mm cork.
Winemakers and Owners: Judy Fowler and Phil Nunweek
Consulting Winemaker: Evert Nijzink



TASTING NOTES AND REVIEWS

Bob Campbell

95 Points: “A blend of merlot, carmenere, malbec, cabernet franc and cabernet sauvignon. Rich, textural red with cassis, raspberry, blackberry, cedar, dried herb/hedgerow and nutty oak flavours. Accessible now but with the potential to develop well with bottle age. Seductive wine that gives a nod in the direction of Bordeaux.” June 2023

James Suckling

94 Points: "Subtle aromas of oyster shell, currants, and plums. Medium body, very fine tannins with a savory and fresh finish. Complex and beautiful. Youthful. Lovely now but better in two or three years. A blend of merlot, carmenere, malbec, cabernet franc and cabernet sauvignon. Drink now." November 2023

Michael Cooper

5 Stars: “Estate-grown at Clevedon, in South Auckland, this is a classy, complex, Merlot-based red. The impressive 2019 vintage (5*) is a blend of Merlot (68 per cent), Carménère (12 per cent), Malbec (8 per cent), Cabernet Franc (6 per cent) and Cabernet Sauvignon (6 per cent), matured in French oak casks (60 per cent new). Full-coloured, it is a fragrant, full-bodied red, with concentrated, well-ripened berry, plum, blackcurrant and spice flavours, seasoned with nutty oak, refined tannins, and a silky-textured, lingering finish. Best drinking 2025+. The 2018 vintage (4.5*) was blended from Merlot (46 per cent), Carménère (24 per cent), Malbec (23 per cent) and Cabernet Franc (7 per cent), and French oak-aged for 21 months. A 'forward' vintage, it is fragrant, with fullish, fairly youthful colour. Mouthfilling, savoury and supple, it has strong, ripe, plummy, spicy flavours, slightly earthy and nutty notes adding complexity, and a well-rounded finish. Best drinking now-2025.”
