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BROOKFIELDS 'BURNFOOT' MERLOT 2015

VARIETAL: 100% Merlot
REGION: Tuki Tuki Valley, Hawke's Bay
STYLE: Dry
VINTAGE: 2015

VINEYARD:

The 'Burnfoot' Vineyard is grown in the Tuki Tuki Valley on the northern side of the Tuki Tuki River opposite Te Mata Peak. Translated, Burnfoot is the property with the stream crossing its foot. Trained on classical VSP trellis system, on free draining soils, the Merlot obtains excellent levels of ripeness, with good colour intensity, bunches of clean fruit, and ripe tannin development.

VINIFICATION:

Harvested fruit arrived at the winery on the 7th and 14th of April 2015, and averaging 22.5 Brix. It was destemmed and crushed into stainless steel tanks. Fermentation immediately followed, at temperatures between 25°C - 30°C. After 3 weeks of maceration, the wine was then pressed, and underwent MLF. Time in French and American oak barrels has softened the tannins, and given a full rich complexity to the flavours.

APPEARANCE:

A deep rich red colour, with a youthful magenta hue.

TASTING NOTES:

Bold as brass, the 2015 'Burnfoot' Merlot exhibits black fruits, leather, plums, wild herbs, generous oak and succulent tannins. The 2015 'Burnfoot' Merlot reflects the ripeness of the grapes at harvest - it was another good vintage for Merlot in the Tuki Tuki Valley. This 2015 'Burnfoot' Merlot has a well-integrated and balanced palate, making it approachable and enjoyable now, and it won't be challenged by age.

FOOD MATCH:

An ideal pairing with slow cooked game meats, with plenty of herbs.

CELLARING:

This vintage will age well for 8-10 years.

DETAILS:

Alcohol	14.0% Alc./vol.
Residual sweetness	Dry
TA	5.9 g/L
pH	3.4

Owner / Winemaker Peter Robertson

