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BROOKFIELDS 'HIGHLAND' MERLOT / CABERNET 2015

VARIETALS: 60% Merlot & 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

REGION: Hawke's Bay

STYLE: Dry

VINTAGE: 2015

VINEYARD:

The Merlot is grown on an elevated 'Highland' site adjacent to the 'Burnfoot' Vineyard in the Tuki Tuki Valley and the Cabernet Sauvignon was grown at Ohiti Estate. The Merlot was harvested on the 7th April at 23 Brix and the Cabernet Sauvignon also achieved good sugar levels and was harvested on the 14th April.

VINIFICATION:

Both parcels were fermented separately and pumped over in the traditional Bordeaux manner. Time on skins exceeded two weeks. Malolactic was completed prior to going to oak barrel which was a mix of new American and French oak barriques.

APPEARANCE:

Intensely dark in colour.

TASTING NOTES:

The flavours in the 2015 'Platinum' Merlot / Cabernet are orchestrated, with the Merlot from the Highland Vineyard leading from the front. Robust plum, blackcurrant, toast, vanillin, new oak and spice flavours make this a generous red wine. The palate is rich, full bodied and inviting, the 2015 Highland Merlot / Cabernet is only the sixth 'Platinum' label since 1989. It is reserved for Merlot dominant wines of excellence.

FOOD MATCH:

Roast Beef basted with a Dijon mustard marinade.

CELLARING:

Ten years plus.

DETAILS:

Alcohol	14.0% alc/vol.
Residual Sweetness	Dry
TA	6.08g/L
pH	3.45

Owner / Winemaker Peter Robertson

