

BROOKFIELDS 'BURNFOOT' MERLOT 2015

VARIETAL: 100% Merlot

REGION: Tuki Tuki Valley, Hawke's Bay

STYLE: Dry

VINTAGE: 2016

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 11th of April 2016 and averaging 22.0 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 red colour, with a youthful magenta hue.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2016 'Burnfoot' Merlot exhibits bold plums, oak, wild herbs & spice which is under pinned by firm alcohol. Due to the vineyard's northerly aspect and not being irrigated, there is a concentration of flavours. Vibrance is the hallmark of the 2016 'Burnfoot' Merlot - the flavours will evolve for many years.- it was another good vintage for Merlot in the Tuki Tuki Valley. This 2016 'Burnfoot' Merlot has a well-integrated and balanced palate, making it approachable and enjoyable now.

FOOD PAIRING:

An ideal with wild venison cooked with Portuguese herbs & spices.

CELLARING:

This vintage will age well for 8-10 years.

DETAILS:

Alcohol	14.0% Alc./vol.
Residual sweetness	Dry
TA	5.48 g/L
pH	3.53

Owner / Winemaker Peter Robertson

