

Family Reserve Montepulciano 2024

Our Family Reserve Montepulciano 2024 is packed with ripe berries, cocoa and wood-smoke rounded off by fine tannins and a long, tactile finish - a wine of great character and class.

In exceptional years we carefully select wines for our Family Reserve label. We feel they just have that extra dimension and deserve a black label.



The Season: Spring was near-perfect with ample sunshine and just the right amount of rain to keep the vines thriving.

Despite a drought in February and March, our old, deep-rooted vines managed to access sufficient water to ripen a beautiful crop.

Harvest 2024 proved to be one of our finest vintages to date. Free from disease or weather challenges, the grapes were hand-picked in excellent health and rich concentration by our dedicated, small team of regulars. **Big smiles all around!**

Vegan friendly wine



From **Sustainable Production**, accredited by Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand

Vineyard: Montepulciano produces large, almost seedless grape berries of an amazing dark colour. With its tough skins it is well suited to an extended ripening period and is picked roughly three weeks after all our other varieties. Fruit exclusively from our home block Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam
Close planting: 3780 vines/ha
Extensive manual shoot thinning and leaf plucking to keep canopy healthy and dry
Hand-harvested on 23 April 2024, 23.8 Brix

Winery: di-stemmed before fermentation on the skins, hand-plunged, gentle pressing, gravity-fed from press area to main winery, minimal pumping, **no fining** pre-bottling
Aged for 16 months in used French barrels in temperature controlled barrel room.
Bottled on 9 December 2025, 14.0% alcohol
Light-weight bottles to reduce carbon footprint
Screw capsules, **only 97 cases produced**

92/100 Cameron Douglas MS, camdouglasms.com

Excellent bouquet of dark red berries and boysenberry, there's a dried spice and leesy quality then a baking spice layer adding complexity and charm. A dry textured wine touches the palate with a firmness from the tannins accentuated by the acid line and nicely contrasted by the core fruit flavours. Persistent red berry fruit flavours, a natural tautness and balanced finish.

4½ Stars Michael Cooper, michaelcooperwines.com