

## *Peninsula Estate 'Hauraki' 1998*

cabernet sauvignon 62%, merlot 20%, cabernet franc 14% & malbec 4%

100 % Waiheke Island fruit

13% alc

18 months in French Oak

3 further years of bottle aging prior to release

Hauraki has been created at Peninsula Estate as our premium blend, with 4 of the 5 Bordeaux varieties growing at the vineyard. By a process of selection in the vineyard and winery, the best fruit and wine are reserved and receives the best possible treatment and attention.

1998 was a fabulous year for New Zealand reds, and on Waiheke excellent levels of ripeness, and strong berry flavours were achieved. A big wine that is excellent with food and has a deep claret like colour, the great vintage really shows through on the nose in the ripe, rich solidity of aroma. Lovely dark chocolate fruit characters with flavours of soft berries, the wine shows real depth and solidity of flavours. Tannins are deliciously ripe, soft and voluminous and the texture rich, this seductive wine will mature well - at least to 10 years.

### *Comments on Wine*

“What a treasure! It’s a well-balanced very drinkable red – a complex, deep-red blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and malbec with a touch of lavender on the nose and a generously fruity flavour. It’s a big wine with plenty of opportunity to mature further. Its...price tag puts it in the same high price range as many similar quality Waiheke reds but it’s still well worth hunting out.” Kerry Tyack, Metro Magazine May 2002



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