

ATA RANGI  
· MARTINBOROUGH ·

*Célèbre*

2011

2011 was an outstanding vintage for Célèbre with the benevolent spring and long, warm summer season producing one of the finest ever releases of this much-loved Ata Rangi blend. Gorgeously plump, vivacious Merlot and sweet, spicy Syrah are given backbone and the promise of longevity by the judicious inclusion of darker and more reserved, old-vines Cabernet Sauvignon.

Aromas and flavours run the gamut from plum, blackberry and dark chocolate to hints of licorice, star-anise and black olive. The wine is tight, yet succulent and juicy. The now significant 30 year vine age of the Merlot and Cabernet reveals itself in an earthy complexity and the long, driven finish that completes the blend; 60% Merlot, 30% Syrah and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon.

<b>Harvested</b>	14 - 21 April 2011	<b>Wine Analysis</b>	Alc 13.5%, TA 6.0 pH 3.5
<b>Vineyards</b>	Ata Rangi Home Block : Merlot, Syrah and Cab Craighall and Di Mattina Blocks: Merlot Champ Ali, Boundary Rd, Kahu: Syrah All vineyards are on the Martinborough Terrace, close to the Ata Rangi winery.	<b>Winemaking</b>	4 to 6 days pre-fermentation maceration. Aeration by splash racking during ferment. Peak temp 33°C. Up to 21 days till pressing. Malo-lactic fermentation in barrel. 17 months in French oak barriques (20% new oak)
<b>Blend</b>	60% Merlot, 30% Syrah, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon	<b>Bottling Date</b>	November 2012
<b>Harvest Brix</b>	23.0 – 24.5	<b>Cellaring Potential</b>	Now – 2022

