



Babich

NEW ZEALAND WINE

Babich Irongate Chardonnay 2008

We have been producing Irongate Chardonnay since 1985 and it has evolved into this richly flavoured, balanced and elegant wine. The vines from this now-famous Gimblett Gravels 'Irongate' vineyard are selected at pruning and crop levels are closely monitored to ensure excellent flavour concentration in the grapes (Mendoza).

Region:

Hawke's Bay - Gimblett Gravels

Recommended Food:

Irongate Chardonnay is an intense, richly flavoured wine and is an ideal match for rich seafood and white meat dishes. Try it with char-grilled squid and lemon butter sauce, or barbecued chicken.

Recommended Cellaring:

3-8 years

Production Notes:

In late March, selected parcels of hand harvested fruit were gently whole bunch pressed. The free run was put to French oak, 25% new, for wild fermentation. After primary ferment the wine was lees stirred to add complexity and build palate weight. A total of 11 months was spent in barrel before assembly and bottling.

Technical Notes:

Alcohol: 14.5%

TA: 6.6g/l

pH: 3.35

Residual Sugar: 1.5g/l

Tasting Notes:

This wine has a rich, opulent and perfumed nose. Sweet hay, apricots and cashew lift persistently and delightfully from the glass. The palate is powerful yet smooth with layers of peach, citrus and walnut. A delectably plump and leesy weight is complimented by the smooth texture. A lengthy finish of dried apricots complete this very classy wine.

Awards:

94 POINTS, 5 STARS -Sam Kim, *Wine Orbit*, Oct 2010

4.5 STARS, 'CLASSIC', VALUE+ -Michael Cooper's *Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines 2011*

4.5 STARS -*Winestate Magazine*, Michael Cooper, March/April 2011

5 STARS -Raymond Chan *Wine Reviews*, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, Jan 2011



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5 STARS -*Hawke's Bay Today*, '5 of The Best', Yvonne Lorkin, March 26, 2011

4 STARS, 90 POINTS -*Bob Campbell MW*, *bobswinereviews.com*, April, 2011

90 POINTS -*Lisa Perrotti-Brown*, *eRobertParker.com* #197, Oct 2011

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