Babich Gimblett Gravels Merlot Cabernet 2009

Specially selected from our estate-owned Irongate vineyard in the Gimblett Gravels region, we combine soft Merlot with robust Cabernet Sauvignon resulting in a full flavoured dry red with easy drinking appeal.

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Grapes:
52% Merlot, 48% Cabernet Sauvignon

Region:
Hawke’s Bay - Gimblett Gravels

Recommended Food:
An ideal partner for an antipasto platter featuring a range of salamis and smoked meats, or any meaty casserole, like lamb shanks.

Recommended Cellaring:
2-4 years

Production Notes:
The Merlot was harvested in mid April, and the Cabernet Sauvignon in late April. The grapes were fermented in stainless steel tank with frequent pump-overs and plungings to ensure good colour and tannin extraction. The blend was assembled in late 2009 and spent a further six months in oak prior to bottling.

Technical Notes:
Alcohol: 13.0%
TA: 5.7g/l
pH: 3.66
Residual Sugar: Dry

Tasting Notes:
The nose is brimming with blackberries, black currents and forest fruits which are joined by plum and tasty savoury notes. Liquorish and spice aromas intermingle perfectly. The palate is sweet and abundantly fruitful on entry developing complex savoury notes that mingle delightfully with the fruit. Gentle oak supports layers of cocoa and leather. The tannins are soft, the weight full-ish and the finish is long with lingering dark berry fruits.

Awards:
GOLD MEDAL - China Best Value Wine & Spirits Awards 2012