



Babich

NEW ZEALAND WINE

Babich Irongate Cabernet Merlot Franc 2007

We have been producing Irongate Cabernet Merlot since 1986 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.

Grapes:

34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Franc

Region:

Hawke's Bay - Gimblett Gravels

Recommended Food:

This wine is a brilliant match for red meats, game and pasta dishes. A perfect partner for casseroled lamb shanks or with Scotch fillet, roasted rare in the piece.

Recommended Cellaring:

4-10 years

Production Notes:

Extensive crop thinning in the vineyard produced select parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. These grapes were individually fermented and hand plunged in open vats before spending an extended time on skin post ferment to aid structural development. The wines were put into new and seasoned French oak and assessed for quality after several months. After this time the individual parcels were blended and returned to oak for further maturation. Total time in oak was 21 months. The blend is 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 33% Cabernet Franc.

Tasting Notes:

The inviting bouquet of blackberries and blueberry pie develops into attractive savoury and earthy notes. Ripe granular tannins are seamlessly integrated with subtle French oak to create excellent texture. Dark berry fruits, tar and leather also please the palate. It is balanced, smooth and even from start to finish. This is a mouth-watering and warm hearted wine of power and balance. A perfect partner for fine dining.

Awards:

5 STARS -Michael Cooper, *Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines 2011*

5 STARS -Michael Cooper, *NZ Listener Magazine - 'Wine of the Week'*, July, 2010



Excellence Through Experience

www.babichwines.co.nz

SINCE 1916



THREE GENERATIONS



OF FINE WINEMAKING

Babich

NEW ZEALAND WINE

4 STARS -*Winestate Magazine, Oct/Sept 2010 Issue*

4 STARS -*Geoff Kelly Wine Reviews, Aug 2010*

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

Excellence Through Experience

www.babichwines.co.nz



SINCE 1916