



Babich

NEW ZEALAND WINE

Babich The Patriarch 2007

The Patriarch is our flagship red wine, grown on our Gimblett Gravels 'Irongate' vineyard in Hawke's Bay and made in honour of the company founder and New Zealand wine industry pioneer, Josip Babich. With this wine we allow ourselves complete flexibility in order to make the best we can – we are not committed to a particular variety or blend and crop levels are very restricted.

Grapes:

49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Malbec, 22% Cabernet Franc

Region:

Hawke's Bay - Gimblett Gravels

Recommended Food:

Ideal with roasted red meats. It makes a good partner for a whole fillet beef, roasted rare. Also perfect with a tasty winter casseroled stew.

Recommended Cellaring:

4-15 years

Production Notes:

Parcels of fruit where hand harvested and hand plunged in traditional concrete vats. Some of the grapes underwent a cold soak prior to fermentation, with all receiving an extended maceration period on skins after ferment. The new wines were drained to small French oak barriques, to mature.

Technical Notes:

Alcohol: 14.0%

TA: 6.1g/l

pH: 3.63

Residual Sugar: 0g/l

Tasting Notes:

This is a serious yet warm, dark and inviting wine. The concentrated aromas of currents, dusty blackberries and cocoa excite the nose and lead to hints of dried herbs, violets and vanilla. Dark forest fruits, leather and spice arrive sumptuously on the palate and integrate perfectly with smooth, dense, mouth-coating tannins. Savoury notes linger on the satisfying and complete finish. A hand crafted wine of quality that will age gracefully for many years.

Awards:

GOLD MEDAL, 96 POINTS -*Cathay Pacific Hong Kong International Wine and Spirit Competition*

SILVER MEDAL -*Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2010*

SILVER MEDAL -*Hawke's Bay Wine Awards 2009*

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SILVER MEDAL -*New Zealand International Wine Show 2010*

5 STARS -*Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wine 2010*

5 STARS -*Winestate Magazine, March 2010*

5 STARS -*Yvonne Lorkin, Hawke's Bay Today, 12 June 2010*

5 STARS, 94 POINTS -*Bob Campbell MW, www.bobswinereviews.com, 2010*

4.5 STARS, TOP 5 - NZ Cabernet and Blends -*Cuisine Magazine, Sep 2010*

5 STARS, 18.5/20 -*Geoff Kelly Wine Reviews, Aug 2010*

5 STARS, 95 POINTS -*Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, Aug 2010*

4.5 STARS, TOP TIP -*TiZwine.com, 30 August 2010*

5 STARS, 18.5/20 -*Geoff Kelly Wine Reviews, Oct 2010*

5 STARS, 96 POINTS -*Gourmet Traveller Magazine, October 2010*

89+ POINTS -*Lisa Perrotti-Brown, eRobertParker.com #191, Oct 2010*

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