



Babich

NEW ZEALAND WINE

Babich The Patriarch 2009

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 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:

Cabernet Sauvignon 50%, Malbec 25%, Cabernet Franc 25%

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:

Cabernet Sauvignon raised its hand once again this year to be the dominant variety for the Patriarch blend with Malbec adding earthiness and sweet fruit at 25%, while floral notes and enhanced elegance are the contribution of Cabernet Franc (25%). Select crop thinned parcels of fruit were hand harvested then fermented in small open vats and hand plunged. Both the Cabernets received an extended maceration period on skins after ferment. The new wines were drained to French oak barriques, to mature. After several rack and returns and extensive tasting trials the Patriarch was blended. The Wine spent a total of 13 months in oak. Minimal fining and filtering was employed prior to bottling.

Technical Notes:

Alcohol: 13.5%

TA: 5.8g/l

pH: 3.75

Residual Sugar: 0g/l

Tasting Notes:

Our flagship wine has a warm, dark, and concentrated nose which captivatingly displays spice, blueberry, and cedar. Dense, dark fruits are intricately layered with silken tannins and pleasant notes of tar and cigar box. The palate is beautifully balanced and seamless and has a medium to full weight. Cassis, liquorice and black plum linger on the elegant finish.

Awards:

5 STARS, 19/20 POINTS -Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, April 2011



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OF FINE WINEMAKING

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5 STARS - *Winestate Magazine, July/August 2011*

5 STARS, 94-96 POINTS - *Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, June 2011*

5 STARS, 93 POINTS - *Bob Campbell MW, www.bobswinereviews.com, June 2011*

5 STARS - *Michael Cooper, Michael Cooper's Buyers Guide to New Zealand Wines 2012*

SILVER MEDAL - *Spiegelau International Wine Competition 2011*

4.5 STARS, 'TOP 5 NZ CABERNET' - *Cuisine Magazine, Sept 2011*

95 POINTS - *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, eRobert Parker.com #197, Oct 2011*

90 POINTS- *Wine Enthusuast Magazine, USA, Aug 2012*

SELECTED - *2009 Gimblett Gravels Annual Vintage Selection*

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