

*Babich*

NEW ZEALAND WINE

Babich The Patriarch 2011

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:

Cabernet Sauvignon 54%, Merlot 32%, Malbec 14%

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:

Select crop thinned parcels of fruit were hand harvested then fermented in small open vats and hand plunged. After an extended maceration period the new wines were drained to French oak barriques (40% new), to mature. After several rack and returns and extensive tasting trials the Patriarch was blended after 7 months then returned to oak. The Wine spent a total of 13 months in oak.

Technical Notes:

Alcohol: 12.5%

TA: 5.5g/l

pH: 3.68

Residual Sugar: Dry

Tasting Notes:

Mouthfilling and fresh, with ripe blackcurrant, plum, spice and nut flavours. Good concentration and complexity.

Awards:

GOLD MEDAL - *China Wine Awards 2013*

SELECTED - [2011 Gimblett Gravels Annual Vintage Selection](#)

5 STARS, 94 POINTS - *Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, www.wineorbit.co.nz, Nov 2013*

92+ POINTS - *Lisa-Perrotti Brown, eRobertParker.com #209, Oct 2013*

GOLD MEDAL - *China Best Value Wine & Spirits Awards 2014*

5 STARS, 95 POINTS - *Bob Campbell, www.bobcampbell.nz*

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GOLD MEDAL - *Wine 100 Awards 2015*

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