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NEW ZEALAND WINE

Babich Winemakers' Reserve Merlot 2011

This stylish Merlot is produced from a special selection of grapes grown in the stony soils of our Irongate vineyard in the Gimblett Gravels region of Hawke's Bay. It displays an attractive wealth of berry fruit and plum aromas, balanced by full-flavoured, soft tannin finish.

Region:

Hawke's Bay - Gimblett Gravels

Recommended Food:

The sweet-fruited soft finish makes it an ideal partner for ratatouille, or equally as good with Italian-style meatballs in a garlicky tomato sauce.

Recommended Cellaring:

2-10 years

Production Notes:

Fermentation took place in open vats with temperature allowed to rise to 30C. Frequent hand plunging of the cap controlled temperature and aided tannin and colour extraction. After almost a month in contact with the skins the wine was run off into a blend of new and old French oak. After nine months in barrel the wine was assembled, lightly fined and bottled.

Technical Notes:

Alcohol: 12.5%

TA: 5.5g/l

pH: 3.51

Residual Sugar: 0g/l

Tasting Notes:

Dark plums and sweet cedar notes. Red and black fruits with leather and spice. Tight, fine grained tannins. Focused with good length.

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