



BABICH

THE PATRIARCH: 2013



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.

INFORMATION

Grape Varieties	Cabernet Sauvignon 49%, Malbec 27% and Merlot 24%
Region	Hawke's Bay
Sub-Region	Gimblett Gravels
Vineyard	Irongate
Harvest method	Hand picked
Harvest Dates	Malbec: 3/4/13 Merlot: 26/3/13 Cabernet Sauvignon: 14/4/13
Fermentation vessel	Open top vats
Fermentation	Extended time on skins
Malolactic	In barrel
Maturation	17 months in oak
Fining	Egg White
Filtration	0.45 micron



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TECHNICAL NOTES

Bottling Date	17/12/2014
Alcohol	13.5%
TA	6.0 g/l
pH	3.6
Residual sugar	Dry

WINEMAKER NOTES

Nose

Dark and sweet with blueberry to the fore, followed by a touch of liquorice.

Palate

Smooth, opulent entry to the palate, dense and concentrated dark fruits with sweet spice and tar on the finish. Notes of blackberry and vanilla linger.

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

First Vintage 1996

AWARDS

Trophy – Champion Cabernet Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2016

Trophy – Best New Zealand Wine Wine 100 China, July 2016

Pure Gold Medal Air New Zealand Wine Awards



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