

*Babich*

NEW ZEALAND WINE

## Babich Hawke's Bay Merlot Cabernet 2014

Specially selected from vineyards in the Hawke's Bay region, we combine soft Merlot with robust Cabernet Sauvignon resulting in a full flavoured dry red with easy drinking appeal

**Grapes:**

Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon

**Region:**

Hawke's Bay

**Recommended Food:**

An ideal partner for an antipasto platter featuring a range of salamis and smoked meats, or any meaty casserole, like lamb shanks.

**Recommended Cellaring:**

2-4 years

**Production Notes:**

The grapes were fermented in stainless steel tank with frequent pump-overs and plungings to ensure good colour and tannin extraction. The blend was assembled and spent a further six months in oak prior to bottling.

**Technical Notes:**

Alcohol: 13.5%

TA: 5.2g/l

pH: 3.61

Residual Sugar: Dry

**Tasting Notes:**

The nose is brimming with blackberries, black currents and forest fruits which are joined by plum and tasty savoury notes. Liquorish and spice aromas intermingle perfectly. The palate is sweet and abundantly fruitful on entry developing complex savoury notes that mingle delightfully with the fruit. Gentle oak supports layers of cocoa and leather. The tannins are soft, the weight full-ish and the finish is long with lingering dark berry fruits.

**Awards:**

GOLD MEDAL - *China Wines & Spirits Awards 2016*

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