



BABICH

THE PATRIARCH:

2014



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	Merlot 46%, Cabernet Sauvignon 35%, Malbec 19%
Region	Hawke's Bay
Sub-Region	Gimblett Gravels
Vineyard	Irongate
Clonal selection	Various
Harvest method	Hand picked
Harvest Dates	Merlot & Malbec 19/3, Cab Sauv 10/4
Fermentation vessel	Open Vats
Fermentation	Traditional – extended skin contact
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	14 months in oak
Fining	None
Filtration	0.45 micron



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TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.5%
TA	5.9 g/l
pH	3.63
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 1994

AWARDS

DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL China Wine & Spirits Awards 2017

94 POINTS James Suckling,
www.jamesuckling.com

5 STARS Bob Campbell,
www.bobcampbell.nz

5 STARS – TOP WINE WineNZ Magazine, Winter 2017 issue



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