



BABICH

NEW ZEALAND WINE
SINCE 1916

WINEMAKERS' RESERVE:

Hawke's Bay Merlot 2014



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.

INFORMATION

Grape Varieties	86% Merlot 14% Malbec
Region	Hawke's Bay
Sub region	Gimblett Gravels
Vineyard/s	Gimblett Road
Clonal selection	6
Harvest method	De-stemmed at harvest.
Harvest dates	1 April 2014
Harvest Analysis	24.4 brix
Processing	Crush. Pre-ferment skin soak
Fermentation vessel	Stainless steel
Fermentation	Various yeast species. Extended skin contact.
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	10 months in barrique. 20% new French Oak
Fining	Egg Whites



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TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	14.0%
TA	5.7 g/l
pH	3.6
Residual sugar	Dry

WINEMAKER NOTES

Tasting Note

Plummy, fruitcake notes with a dense, fine structure.

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
First vintage	1999

AWARDS

GOLD MEDAL	China Wine & Spirits Awards 2017
4.5 Stars	Winestate Magazine Nov/Dec 2016 issue



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