



BABICH

NEW ZEALAND WINE
SINCE 1916

BLACK LABEL:

Hawke's Bay Merlot 2015



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	88% Merlot 12% Malbec
Region	Hawke's Bay
Sub region	Gimblett Gravels
Vineyard/s	Gimblett Road
Harvest method	Machine
Harvest dates	27 th March
Harvest Analysis	22.8°Brix; pH 3.39; 5.2 g/L
Processing	Crushed. Pre-ferment skin soak
Fermentation vessel	Stainless steel
Fermentation	Various yeast species. Extended skin contact.
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	15 months in French oak - 25% new..
Fining	Egg Whites
Filtration	Yes



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TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.5%
TA	6.5 g/L
pH	3.58
Residual sugar	Dry

WINEMAKER NOTES

Nose

Warm and sweet fruited with blueberry and cherry. There is also a savoury element along with vanilla and cardamom.

Palate

Sweet dark fruit and tarry notes on entry move to juicy red raspberry elements with cocoa and a warm spicy finish. Fine and smooth tannins.

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 3-10 years



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