



# BABICH

NEW ZEALAND WINE  
SINCE 1916

FAMILY RESERVE:

## Hawke's Bay Merlot Cabernet 2016



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

### INFORMATION

<b>Grape Varieties</b>	Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Region</b>	Hawke's Bay
<b>Clonal selection</b>	Merlot : UCD6, 181, Erindale. Cabernet S: UCD7&8
<b>Harvest method</b>	Machine and hand picked
<b>Harvest Dates</b>	Various
<b>Harvest Analysis</b>	Various
<b>Processing</b>	Crushed & destemmed. No cold soak.
<b>Fermentation vessel</b>	Stainless steel tank
<b>Fermentation</b>	Traditional with careful cap management to avoid over extraction
<b>Malolactic</b>	Yes
<b>Fining</b>	Egg white
<b>Filtration</b>	Yes



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### TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.0%
TA	5.3 g/l
pH	3.73
Residual sugar	Dry

### WINEMAKER NOTES

#### Nose

Leather, plum and spice with vanilla and berry fruits and a hint of cigar-box.

#### Palate

Well fruited - sweet black plum, a bit of fruit cake and brambly red notes also. Softly textured with good length and a spicy finish.

#### Recommended food

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

**Recommended cellaring** 2-7 years



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