BABICH

NEW ZEALAND WINE
SINCE 1916

HERITAGE SERIES ANNIVERSARY LABEL:

Hawke's Bay Premium Red 2016

In 2016 the Babich family celebrated 100 years of winemaking in New Zealand. To celebrate the milestone this Limited Release wine was produced from the 2016 vintage, and pays homage to the past by featuring one of the company's classic labels – the 1977 Cabernet Sauvignon.

INFORMATION

Grape Varieties	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Cabernet Franc
Region	Hawke's Bay
Clonal selection	Various
Harvest method	Machine and hand picked
Harvest Dates	Merlot 30th March; Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc 12-15th April
Harvest Analysis	22.5-23 Brix; pH 3.4-3.5; TA 4.9-6.2 g/l
Processing	Crushed & destemmed.
Fermentation vessel	Open top fermenters
Fermentation	Regular cap management (3-4 per day), extended post ferment maceration with skins.
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	15 months in French oak casks, 35% new
Fining	Gelatin
Filtration	Yes

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.8%
TA	6.4 g/l
pH	3.69
Residual sugar	Dry

WINEMAKER NOTES

Nose
Warm and plummy elements mingle and iron, cassis and blackberry.

Palate
Dark fruited, smooth and dense with plum, cedar and spice. Fine, seamless tannins and lingering savoury notes.

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. .

AWARDS

GOLD MEDAL	China Wine & Spirits Awards 2018
94 POINTS	Bob Campbell, www.therealreview.com, Jul 2018
5 STARS	Michael Cooper, www.michael;cooper.co.nz, 2018 & 2019

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