

THE PATRIARCH:

# Gimblett Gravels Red Blend 2016

The Patriarch is our flagship red wine crafted in honour of the winery founder and New Zealand wine industry pioneer, Josip Babich. Grown on our 'Irongate' vineyard in the Gimblett Gravels of Hawke's Bay, we apply the very best of over 100 years wine experience and expertise, to make a delightfully complex, elegant and powerful wine, befitting of Josip's legacy.



## INFORMATION

<b>Grape Varieties</b>	40% Merlot; 33% Malbec; 27% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Region</b>	Hawke's Bay
<b>Sub-Region</b>	Gimblett Gravels
<b>Vineyard</b>	Irongate
<b>Harvest method</b>	Hand picked & machine
<b>Harvest Dates</b>	30 Mar – 16 Apr
<b>Harvest Analysis</b>	Merlot: 22.8brix; pH 3.49; TA 5.8g/L Malbec: 23.4brix; pH 3.37; TA 7.0g/L, Cabernet Sauvignon: 22.7brix; pH 3.63; TA 7.8g/L
<b>Fermentation vessel</b>	Open Vats
<b>Processing</b>	Crushed and de-stemmed
<b>Fermentation</b>	Traditional – extended skin contact
<b>Malolactic</b>	Yes
<b>Maturation</b>	16 months in French Oak Barriques
<b>Fining</b>	Gelatine
<b>Filtration</b>	Yes

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## TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.5%
TA	6.4 g/l
pH	3.61
Residual sugar	Dry

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Darkly perfumed with layers of spice, cassis and plum, with a touch of cedar. The palate is full, round and dense, with flavours of dark chocolate, blueberry, cinnamon and a touch of cigar box. An elegant and powerful wine with delightful transparency.

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 casserole stew.
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First Vintage	1994
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## AWARDS

96 POINTS	Huon Hooke, <a href="http://www.therealreview.com">www.therealreview.com</a>
96 POINTS	Cameron Douglas, The Shout Hospitality Magazine, Apr 2019
5 STARS	Michael Cooper, <a href="http://www.michaelcooper.co.nz">www.michaelcooper.co.nz</a> , July 2019
93 POINTS	Rebecca Gibb, Decanter Magazine, Feb 2019