



BABICH

NEW ZEALAND WINE
SINCE 1916

WINEMAKERS' RESERVE:

Hawke's Bay Merlot 2018



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% Cabernet Sauvignon
Region	Hawke's Bay
Sub region	Gimblett Gravels
Clonal selection	UCD6
Harvest method	Machine. De-stemmed at harvest.
Harvest dates	9 th April
Harvest Analysis	Irongate: 22.6 Brix; pH 3.45; TA 5.0g/L & Omahu Rd: 22.0 Brix; pH 3.45; TA 4.8 g/L
Processing	Crush. Pre-ferment skin soak
Fermentation vessel	Stainless steel
Fermentation	Irongate Merlot – 35 days skin contact. Omahu Rd Merlot – 23 days skin contact
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	11 months in French oak. 25% new
Fining	Skim milk
Filtration	Yes



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TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.5%
TA	5.7 g/L
pH	3.60
Residual sugar	Dry

WINEMAKER NOTES

Tasting Note

Ripe and expressive dark plum, cinnamon, leather and cedar aromas.

Dense and even on entry with plum, blueberry and tobacco/chocolate notes. Vanilla and liquorish linger. Sweet, dark and juicy.

Recommended food

A hearty wine that deserves flavoursome casseroles, beef, lamb and other full-bodied dishes.

First vintage	1999
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AWARDS

95 POINTS	Huon Hooke, www.therealreview.com
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