



**BABICH**

NEW ZEALAND WINE  
SINCE 1916

## The Patriarch

2018

The Patriarch is our flagship red wine, grown on our Irongate vineyard in the Gimblett Gravels of Hawke's Bay.

Being made in honour of the winery founder and New Zealand wine industry pioneer, Josip Babich, we apply the very best of over 100 years of wine experience and expertise to make a delightfully complex, elegant but powerful wine that is befitting of Josip's legacy.

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## WINEMAKER NOTES

Light floral, smoky notes over complex almond, blackberry and plum aromas.

Presents initially with a savoury, umami hit that opens into fruit cake with Christmas spices. Layers fresh berries with black Doris plum. Complex, elegant and dense. Warm and lingering.

## FOOD RECOMMENDATION

Ideal with roasted red meats. It makes a good partner for a whole fillet beef. Also perfect with a tasty winter casseroled stew.

## AWARDS

### DOUBLE GOLD

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5 STARS

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## INFORMATION

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| First Vintage       | 1994   |
| Grape Varieties     | 57% Cabernet Sauvignon; 32% Malbec; 11% Merlot |
| Region              | Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay                  |
| Clonal Selection    | Various  |
| Harvest Method      | Hand pick and machine                          |
| Harvest Dates       | Various  |
| Harvest Analysis    | Various  |
| Processing          | Crushed and de-stemmed                         |
| Fermentation Vessel | Open vats                                      |
| Fermentation        | Traditional - extended skin contact            |
| Malolactic          | Yes  |
| Maturation          | 21 months in French oak barriques              |
| Fining              | Gelatine                                       |
| Filtration          | Yes  |

## TECHNICAL NOTES

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| Alcohol        | 14.5%   |
| TA             | 6.5 g/L |
| pH             | 3.63    |
| Residual Sugar | Dry     |