



IRONGATE

Gimblett Gravels Cabernet Merlot Franc 2016

Our flagship Irongate Vineyard is situated in an old shingle bed of the Ngaruroro River in the Gimblett Gravels appellation of Hawke's Bay.

First produced in 1987, this single vineyard wine has evolved to represent the very best of our craft. Crop-levels are heavily restricted to deliver excellent flavour concentration in the grapes, with the final blend delivering a rich, round and complex wine.



LASTING CHARACTER



WINEMAKER NOTES

Lifted red and dark fruits with a touch of vanilla and dried herbs.

Spicy fruit cake with soft coating tannins and leather notes, texturally it's dense and fleshy with lingering fruit. This is serious wine of complexity and charm.

FOOD RECOMMENDATION

This wine is a brilliant match for red meats, game and pasta dishes. A perfect partner for casseroled lamb shanks or with scotch fillet.

AWARDS

5 STARS - Michael Cooper,
www.michaelcooper.co.nz, Jul 2019

94 POINTS - Rebecca Gibb MW,
Decanter Magazine, Feb 2019

94 POINTS - Cameron Douglas MS, The
Shout, April 2019

93 POINTS - Houn Hooke,
www.therealreview.com



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INFORMATION

First Vintage	1986
Grape Variety	Cabernet Sauvignon 54%; Merlot 40%; Cabernet Franc 6%
Region	Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay
Clonal Selection	N/A
Harvest Method	Hand & Machine
Harvest Dates	30th March - 15th April
Harvest Analysis	Various
Processing	Crushed and de-stemmed
Fermentation Vessel	Open top vats
Fermentation	Traditional
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	13-14 months in new & seasoned oak barriques
Fining	Isinglass
Filtration	Yes

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.0%
TA	6.2 g/L
pH	3.62
Residual Sugar	Dry