



The Patriarch

2016

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.



LASTING CHARACTER



WINEMAKER NOTES

Darkly perfumed with layers of spice, cassis and plum. Also a touch of cedar.

Full, round and dense with deceptive concentration. Dark chocolate, blueberry and cinnamon and a little cigar box too. An elegant and powerful wine with a delightful transparency.

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

96 POINTS - Houn Hooke,
www.therealreview.com

96 POINTS - Cameron Douglas
MS, The Shout, Apr 2019

5 STARS

Michael Cooper
www.michaelcooperwines.co.nz

93 POINTS

Rebecca Gibb, Decanter
Magazine, Feb 2019



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INFORMATION

First Vintage	1994
Grape Variety	40% Merlot; 33% Malbec; 27% Cabernet Sauvignon
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	16 months in French oak barriques
Fining	Gelatine
Filtration	Yes

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.5%
TA	6.4 g/L
pH	3.61
Residual Sugar	Dry

