



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.



LASTING CHARACTER



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

China Wine & Spirits Awards 2023

94 POINTS

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5 STARS

Michael Cooper

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91 POINTS

Erin Larkin

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INFORMATION

First Vintage	1994
Grape Variety	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

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

