



IRONGATE

Gimblett Gravels Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc 2019

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

Blackberry and plum with nutmeg, cocoa and cedar

Forest berries lead the palate in a layered assault of fruit supported by notes of vanilla, dried herbs and spice. Dense mouth filling and elegant. Fine velvety tanning and a lingering finish.

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

93 Pts - JamesSuckling.com

94 Pts - CameronDouglasMS.com

94 Pts - Halliday Wine Companion



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INFORMATION

First Vintage	1986
Grape Variety	38% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Cabernet Franc.
Region	Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay
Clonal Selection	Various
Harvest Method	Machine, de-stemmed at harvest
Harvest Dates	28th March - 26th April
Harvest Analysis	Various
Processing	Crushed to, and in, ferment tank(s).
Fermentation Vessel	Open top vats
Fermentation	Temperature peaking at 33C with gentle hand plunging of cap. Yeast: Torulaspora delbrueckii and Lachancea thermotolerans in combination with Saccharomyces cerevisiae & Indigenous yeast .
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	21 months in oak barriques - 35% new French
Fining	Gelatine
Filtration	Yes

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	14.0%
TA	6.3 g/L
pH	3.64
Residual Sugar	0.4 g/L