The Patriarch

2019

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

Dark-fruited and warmly spiced, with layers of blackberry, mulberry and plum lifted by anise, nutmeg and a touch of vanilla. Subtle chocolate adds depth and warmth.

Sweet-fruited on entry, carrying dense yet finely knit tannin. Juicy black fruits and Doris plum build through the mid-palate with notes of leather and spice, giving a sense of power within an elegant frame. Long, dark and complex to close.

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

91 Pts - JamesSuckling.com
95 Pts - CameronDouglasMS.com
95 Pts - Halliday Wine Companion

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INFORMATION

First Vintage	1994
Grape Variety	42% Cabernet Sauvignon; 33% Malbec; 19% Merlot; 6% Cabernet Franc
Region	Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay
Clonal Selection	Various
Harvest Method	Machine- Cool evening pick
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	Egg whites and gelatine
Filtration	Minimal filtration (5 micron)

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	14.0%
TA	6.3 g/L
pH	3.66
Residual Sugar	Dry

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