

# Irongate Cabernet Merlot Franc 2017



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NEW ZEALAND WINE  
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94 POINTS

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November 2022 *Made with cabernets sauvignon and franc with merlot showcasing aromas of fresh black fruits and tobacco, cigar box, graphite and plum. Other aromas include dried roses and iodine, black olive and baking spice. Fabulous on the palate reflecting both varieties and place with flavours of dark berries and floral non-fruit attributes as well as a stony rocky mineral quality. Firm tannins and acidity suggest more integration time required or decanting if early drinking required. A lengthy dry finish.*