



BABICH

NEW ZEALAND WINE
SINCE 1916

BLACK LABEL:

Hawke's Bay Merlot 2018



Our Black Label range is crafted specifically to complement food.

This stylish Merlot is produced from a special selection of grapes grown in the stony soils of our Irongate vineyard in the Gimblett Gravels region of Hawke's Bay. It displays an attractive wealth of berry fruit and plum aromas, balanced by full-flavoured, soft tannin finish.

INFORMATION

Grape Varieties	86% Merlot 14% Malbec
Region	Hawke's Bay
Sub region	Gimblett Gravels
Vineyard/s	Gimblett Road
Harvest method	Machine
Harvest dates	9th April
Harvest Analysis	22.6°Brix; pH 3.45; TA 5.0 g/L & Omahu Rd: 22.0°Brix; pH 3.45; TA 4.8 g/L
Processing	Crushed. Pre-ferment skin soak
Fermentation vessel	Stainless steel vats
Fermentation	Irongate Merlot - 36 days skin contact. Omahu Rd Merlot - 23 days skin contact.
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	11 months in French oak - 25% new..
Fining	Skim Milk
Filtration	Yes



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TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.5%
TA	5.7 g/L
pH	3.60
Residual sugar	Dry

WINEMAKER NOTES

Dark and enticing. Plum, violet and liquorice with notes of blackberry and vanilla.

Smooth, dense and darkly sweet entry with Black Doris plum and complex notes of cinnamon, mocha and cedar joining on the mid palate. Plummy notes persist on the finish along with elusive smoky notes. Rich and opulent.

Recommended Food An ideal partner for ratatouille, or equally as good with Italian-style meatballs in a garlicky tomato sauce.

AWARDS



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