



BABICH

NEW ZEALAND WINE
SINCE 1916

THE PATRIARCH:

2015



The Patriarch is our flagship red wine, grown on our Gimblett Gravels 'Irongate' vineyard in Hawke's Bay and made in honour of the company founder and New Zealand wine industry pioneer, Josip Babich. With this wine we allow ourselves complete flexibility in order to make the best we can – we are not committed to a particular variety or blend and crop levels are very restricted.

INFORMATION

Grape Varieties	Cabernet Sauvignon 51%, Merlot 27%, Malbec 22%
Region	Hawke's Bay
Sub-Region	Gimblett Gravels
Vineyard	Irongate
Harvest method	Hand picked
Harvest Dates	Cabernet Sauvignon 16 th April Merlot & Malbec 1 st April
Harvest Analysis	Cab Sauv 23.2, 3.33, 5.5; Merlot 23.8, 3.35, 5.0 ; Malbec 24, 3.28, 7.3
Fermentation vessel	Open Vats
Fermentation	Traditional – extended skin contact
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	15 months in French Oak Barriques
Fining	Egg Whites
Filtration	Yes



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TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol	13.5%
TA	6.1 g/l
pH	3.69
Residual sugar	Dry

WINEMAKER NOTES

Nose

Darkly perfumed. Grapey and warm with nutmeg and cedar.

Palate

Fleshy and full entry with dark plums and sweet tarry notes. Chocolate. Tannins bind red floral aromatics to the palate and stretch the flavours through onto the lingering finish.

Recommended food

Ideal with roasted red meats. It makes a good partner for a whole fillet beef, roasted rare. Also perfect with a tasty winter casseroled stew.

Recommended cellaring	4-15 years
First Vintage	1994

AWARDS

GOLD MEDAL	Six Nations Wine Challenge 2018
5 STARS	Bob Campbell – www.bobcampbell.nz , June 2017
95 POINTS	Cameron Douglas, MS, 2017
5 STARS	Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz
5 STARS	Michael Cooper, The Listener, Oct 2017



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