



**BABICH**

NEW ZEALAND WINE  
SINCE 1916

THE PATRIARCH:

2016



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

<b>Grape Varieties</b>	40% Merlot; 33% Malbec; 27% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Region</b>	Hawke's Bay
<b>Sub-Region</b>	Gimblett Gravels
<b>Vineyard</b>	Irongate
<b>Harvest method</b>	Hand picked & machine
<b>Harvest Dates</b>	30 Mar – 16 Apr
<b>Harvest Analysis</b>	Merlot: 22.8brix; pH 3.49; TA 5.8g/L Malbec: 23.4brix; pH 3.37; TA 7.0g/L, Cabernet Sauvignon: 22.7brix; pH 3.63; TA 7.8g/L
<b>Fermentation vessel</b>	Open Vats
<b>Processing</b>	Crushed and de-stemmed
<b>Fermentation</b>	Traditional – extended skin contact
<b>Malolactic</b>	Yes
<b>Maturation</b>	16 months in French Oak Barriques
<b>Fining</b>	Gelatine
<b>Filtration</b>	Yes



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TECHNICAL NOTES

<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5%
<b>TA</b>	6.4 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.61
<b>Residual sugar</b>	Dry

WINEMAKER NOTES

**Nose**

Darkly perfumed with layers of spice, cassis and plum. Also a touch of cedar.

**Palate**

Full, round and dense with deceptive concentration. Dark chocolate, blueberry and cinnamon and a little cigar box too. An elegant and powerful wine with a delightful transparency.

**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.

<b>Recommended cellaring</b>	3-10 years
<b>First Vintage</b>	1994

AWARDS

<b>96 POINTS</b>	Huon Hooke, <a href="http://www.therealreview.com">www.therealreview.com</a>
<b>96 POINTS</b>	Cameron Douglas, The Shout Hospitality Magazine, Apr 2019
<b>5 STARS</b>	Michael Cooper, <a href="http://www.michaelcooper.co.nz">www.michaelcooper.co.nz</a> , July 2019
<b>93 POINTS</b>	Rebecca Gibb, Decanter Magazine, Feb 2019



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