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HAWKES BAY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT MALBEC 2020

VINEYARD

This wine was blended from grapes grown within the renown Gimblett Gravels Winegrowing District. These deep stony soils have excellent drainage and low vigour, ideal for the production of high-quality red wine. Our vineyard sites are close planted and yields per vine are kept low to maximise quality.

WINEMAKING

The individual vineyard and varietal parcels were destemmed to our concrete and stainless steel fermenters and allowed to ferment with wild yeast. Once active the ferments were hand plunged or gently pumped over to extract tannin and colour from the skins. After a period of maceration on skins the new wines were pressed to barrel and tank for malolactic fermentation. The individual parcels were aged separately in French oak barrels for 14 months before blending and bottling in September 2021

WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

This is a smooth and elegant Gimblett Gravels blend. Densely coloured, it has a bouquet of red cherry, blackberry, dried herbs and cedar from barrel maturation. It is soft and generous in nature and can be enjoyed as a youthful wine, but possesses sufficient tannin to age gracefully for many years.

FOOD MATCH

Red meat, game and rich tomato based dishes.

IDEAL DRINKING

2021 - 2030

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon 61% Merlot 26% Malbec 13%

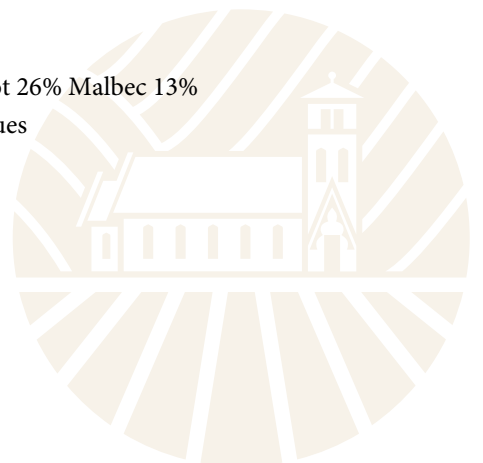
Oak use: 14 months in French oak barriques

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.71

Total Acidity: 5.51g/L

Residual Sugar: Less than 1.0g/L



May contain traces of egg products.
Contains sulphites. Suitable for gluten free diets.
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