



NEW ZEALAND WINE  
SINCE 1916

IRONGATE:

## Cabernet Merlot Franc 2014

We have been producing Irongate Cabernet Merlot since 1986 and it has evolved into this richly flavoured, balanced and elegant wine. The vines from this now-famous Gimblett Gravels 'Irongate' vineyard are selected at pruning and crop levels are closely monitored to ensure excellent flavour concentration in the grapes.



### INFORMATION

<b>Grape Varieties</b>	58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc
<b>Region</b>	Hawke's Bay
<b>Sub-Region</b>	Gimblett Gravels
<b>Vineyard</b>	Irongate
<b>Harvest method</b>	Hand Picked
<b>Harvest Dates</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon 10th April, Merlot 5th April; Cab Franc 30th March
<b>Processing</b>	Cold soak on Cabernet Franc.
<b>Fermentation vessel</b>	Opened top vats
<b>Fermentation</b>	Traditional
<b>Malolactic</b>	Yes
<b>Maturation</b>	13 months in oak
<b>Fining</b>	None
<b>Filtration</b>	0.45 micron



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## TECHNICAL NOTES

<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5%
<b>TA</b>	5.9 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.5
<b>Residual sugar</b>	Dry

## WINEMAKER NOTES

**Nose**  
Savoury and spicy.

**Palate**  
Savoury and spicy, good complexity, with ripe blackcurrant and plum flavours. Good tannin support.

**Recommended food**  
This wine is a brilliant match for red meats, game and pasta dishes. A perfect partner for casseroled lamb shanks or with Scotch fillet, roasted rare.

**Recommended cellaring** 4-10 years

**First Vintage** 1986

## AWARDS

<b>Gold Medal</b>	China Wine & Spirits Awards 2016
<b>91+ Points</b>	Andrew Caillard MW, Gimblett Gravels Annual Vintage Selection 2016
<b>92 Points</b>	Cameron Douglas MS, The Shout/FMCG magazine, July 2016



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