



BABICH

NEW ZEALAND WINE
SINCE 1916

IRONGATE:

Cabernet Merlot Franc 2015



We have been producing Babich Irongate Cabernet Merlot Franc 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

Grape Varieties	51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc
Region	Hawke's Bay
Sub-Region	Gimblett Gravels
Vineyard	Irongate
Harvest method	Hand picked
Harvest Dates	Cabernet Sauvignon - 16/4; Merlot - 1/3; Cabernet Franc - 8/4
Harvest Analysis	Cabernet Sauvignon 23.2, 3.33, 5.5; Merlot 23.5, 3.50, 4.8; Cabernet Franc 24.6, 3.32, 5.1
Processing	Cold soak on Cabernet Franc
Fermentation vessel	Open top vats
Fermentation	Traditional
Malolactic	Yes
Maturation	16 months in new & seasoned oak barriques
Fining	Egg White
Filtration	Yes



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TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol 13.5%

TA 6.3 g/l

pH 3.62

Residual sugar Dry

WINEMAKER NOTES

Nose

Sweetly perfumed - clove and cinnamon backed up with dark plums, vanilla and a touch of cedar.

Palate

Richly fruited. Plums and forest berries with savoury leather and cigar notes. Seamless and dense tannins add to the sense of warmth. Opulence nicely balanced with a red vibrancy and spice on the finish.

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 3-15 years

First Vintage 1987

AWARDS

GOLD MEDAL China Wine & Spirits Awards 2017

5 STARS Winestate Magazine, Nov/Dec 2018 issue

5 STARS Bob Campbell, therealreview.com

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