



Babich

NEW ZEALAND WINE

Babich Irongate Cabernet Merlot Franc 2008

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.

Grapes:

66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

Region:

Hawke's Bay - Gimblett Gravels

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 in the piece.

Recommended Cellaring:

4-10 years

Production Notes:

Extensive crop thinning in the vineyard produced select parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. These grapes were hand picked, individually fermented and hand plunged in open vats before spending an extended time on skin post ferment to aid structural development. The wines were put into new and seasoned French oak and assessed for quality after several months. After this time the individual parcels were blended and returned to oak for further maturation. Total time in oak was 18 months.

Technical Notes:

Alcohol: 13.0%

TA: 6.5g/l

pH: 3.48

Residual Sugar: 0g/l

Tasting Notes:

The nose is immediately attractive, sweet and lifted. Dark berry fruits, plums and raspberries are followed wafts of vanilla. Dusty blackberries and dried black cherries layer intricately alongside cigar box flavours on the palate. It is medium bodied with granular tannins and a pleasant savoury edge. The finish lingers agreeably reminiscent of dark forest fruits and spice.

Awards:

5 STARS, 93 POINTS -*Bob Campbell MW*, www.bobswinereviews.com, June, 2011

4.5 STARS, 92 POINTS -*Sam Kim*, *Wine Orbit*, Feb, 2011



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