



## 2005 SV HAWKES BAY CABERNET SAUVIGNON / MERLOT 'GIMBLETT GRAVELS'

### Winemakers Notes

Our 2005 SV Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot has been assembled from five different parcels of fruit harvested from our Omaha Road Vineyard on the Gimblett Gravels. The final assemblage is 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc. The various parcels were all handled separately and run off to oak for aging. Total time in barrel ranged from 13 to 15 months. A period of further aging in tank followed. Vintage 2005 was stunning on 'The Gravels' and the fruit was in delightful condition. Vinification followed a very traditional Bordeaux model and this has allowed the terroir to shine through.

### Analysis

**Alc** 13%      **Acid** 5.6g/L      **Res Sugar** 2.5g/L      **pH** 3.56

### Tasting Notes

**Colour:** A beautiful deep purple/red, with a dark core and bright, flashing rim.  
**Bouquet:** Very Bordeaux like (Left Bank that is!) with a lovely mix of primary fruit and subtle oak.  
**Palate:** Not a massively full-bodied wine, but a wine with great balance, fineness and finesse. The tannins are soft and round and there is just enough fruit sweetness to give the wine real length and focus.

### Cellaring

Already approachable, but we expect this wine to cellar for a number of years.

### Food Matches

This medium bodied, dry red wine is a perfect match for red meats and pasta dishes. Serve at room temperature.

### Suggested wine list description

A medium bodied wine full of sweet dark berry fruits. Subtle oak and soft tannins are well balanced rounding out to a smooth and lingering finish.

### Awards

★★★★★ **5 STARS (94) Pts - Wine Orbit**, Sam Kim. Aug '07

*'Part of their new exciting Select Vineyard series, grapes for this wine was sourced from Gimblett Gravels. Medium-dark red/purple colour with immensely appealing ripe blue/blackberries and lifted spicy oak. The palate shows excellent concentration and purity of fruit, weighty mid palate and fine texture with ripe firm tannins at the end. Beautifully balanced and structured young wine showing impressive potential'*

★★★★ **4 STARS** - Winestate, Michael Coopers Hawkes Bay Tasting, Sep Issue 2007

*"Youthful, deeply coloured red with rich blackcurrant, herb and nut characters. Dense, complex and savoury, with a good foundation of tannin and obvious cellaring potential".*

**SILVER Medal** - Bragato Wine Awards 2007