



2007 SV HAWKES BAY CABERNET SAUVIGNON / MERLOT 'GIMBLETT GRAVELS'

Winemakers Notes

Our 2007 SV Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot has been assembled from two different parcels of fruit harvested from our Omaha Road Vineyard on the Gimblett Gravels. The final assemblage is 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, and a dash of Cabernet Franc. The two parcels were handled separately and run off to oak for aging. Total time in barrel was around 12 months. A period of further aging in tank followed. Vintage 2007 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** 5.9g/L **Res Sugar** 3.5g/L **pH** 3.60

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 classy 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.

Independent Reviewer's Comment

"This is stunning and sumptuous. Medium-deep red/purple in colour, the lifted bouquet displays blackberry, dark plum, cigar and subtle oak characters. The palate is concentrated and powerful showing excellent mid palate weight, smooth texture and fine, compact tannins providing a lovely dry finish. The wine is gorgeous drinking already but will mature superbly." SK

Awards

Gold Medal – Air NZ Wine Awards 2010

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Five Stars 94 Points – Wine Orbit 2010

Four Stars & Best Buy – Cuisine Magazine August 2010

Silver Medal – Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2010

Four Stars – Bob Campbell 2010