

‘GIMBLETT GRAVELS’
2015 SV HAWKES BAY CABERNET SAUVIGNON / MERLOT
SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: NZWBC6A8E8E4

Winemakers Notes

Our 2015 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 53% Cabernet Sauvignon & 47% Merlot. The parcels were handled separately and run off to oak for aging. Total time in barrel was around 12 months. Only a small amount of new oak was used. Vintage 2015 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 13.5% **Acid** 5.9g/L **Res Sugar** 2.83g/L **pH** 3.67

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, yet 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 well 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(s)

“Elegant yet gutsy red with blackberry, cedar, plum and spicy oak flavours. Medium-bodied red with a structure of peppery tannins and a reasonably lengthy finish. Good now, better later.” Bob Campbell
“Offering very good value, this is an ageworthy blend of cabernet sauvignon (53%) and merlot (47%). The colour is deep and bright; the palate full-bodied and refined, with concentrated berry, plum and spice flavours, complex, savoury and structured. Best drinking 2021+. Michael Cooper

Awards

92 Points – Bob Campbell *The Real Review* July 2018

4½ Stars – Winestate November 2018

Silver Medal – Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2018