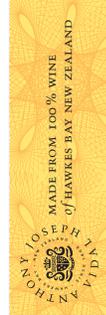


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GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKES BAY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014



REVIEWS

★★★★★ 98/100 Bob Campbell, MW

Very impressive Gimblett Gravels Cabernet Sauvignon with textbook varietal flavours of cedar/cigar box, cassis plus a subtle hint of fresh herbs and with a seasoning of very classy oak. This is a flagship wine that thoroughly justifies its exalted status. Should develop magnificently with bottle age.

★★★★★ Michael Cooper

The highly impressive 2014 vintage is an unblended Cabernet Sauvignon, estate-grown in the Omahu Gravels vineyard and matured for 20 months in French oak barriques (50 per cent new). Invitingly dark and fragrant, it is fleshy and concentrated, with dense, ripe blackcurrant, plum, spice and nut flavours, hints of dark chocolate and herbs, well-integrated oak adding complexity, and fine-grained tannins. A classic - and classy - young Cabernet Sauvignon, it should flourish for decades.

★★★★★ 97/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Legacy is an appropriate name for this exceptional wine. Classic, firm, expressive and engaging, and offers symphonic flavours and multi-layered texture. Aromas of cassis, Black Doris plum, cedar and cigar lead to a concentrated and densely weighted palate that is ripe, rounded and extremely long. The wine combines awesome fruit power and purity with elegant oak infusion and textural mouthfeel. This is destined for greatness. From their Omahu Gravels vineyard in the Gimblett Gravels district. At its best: 2018 to 2032.

★★★★★ 19.0+/20 Raymond Chan

Very dark, full black-red with purple hues, near impenetrable, a little lighter on the rim. This has a finely proportioned nose, tightly concentrated and refined and detailed in expression showing a core of ripe black berried fruits alongside blackcurrant essence, cassis liqueur, lifted mint and herbal elements, pencil shaving and spicy oak and nuances of iron-earth. Medium-full bodied, the palate is well-presented with great depth, intensity and concentration of sweetly ripe, succulent fruit flavours of blackberries and blackcurrants. Layers of cassis, mint, herbs along with iron-earth and oak add complexing detail. This has a concentrated core with fine-grained tannin extraction providing drive and linearity. Refined acidity lends energy and freshness, and the wine carries to a long, lingering, tightly bound finish of black fruits with herbs, earth and oak nuances. This is an elegantly concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon with ripe blackberry, blackcurrant and cassis essence flavours on a very fine-grained, beautifully structured palate.