

# VIDAL

of HAWKES BAY

## Legacy

### HAWKES BAY, GIMBLETT GRAVELS CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT 2009

#### SITE, SEASON & HARVEST

Vineyards Anthony Vidal and Twyford Gravels

Yields: 1.5-2.0kgs/vine

This was an outstanding Gimblett Gravels vintage. A warm, dry season defined by an extended maturation period and drier than long term average conditions allowed the harvest of fruit at optimal flavour, balance and condition.

Fruit for this wine was grown entirely in the Gimblett Gravels grape growing district where the soil is made up of relatively recent alluvial deposits of gravel with varying degrees of silt and sand. These naturally free-draining, low vigour, lean sites combined with meticulous vineyard management and the long, warm growing season of 2009 have produced a wine of international standard showing intensity, texture and depth of flavour.

#### WINEMAKING

Pressing Destemmed and crushed: 100%

Cap management: Combination of hand plunging and pumping over

Fermentation vessels: Open and closed top fermenters

Fermentation temperature: 30-34°C

Time on skins: 20-30 days

Maturation: 20 months in French barrique; 50% new

Fining: Minimal egg white

Filtration: Minimal

Bottled: 2 April 2011

Cellaring Potential 10+ years

#### TECHNICAL DETAIL

Varieties: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon 24% Merlot

Total acidity: 6.6g/L

Alcohol: 13.5%

Residual sugar: Nil

pH: 3.65

Barcode: 9414416002151

#### TASTING NOTE

From the renowned Gimblett Gravels, this Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot blend reflects the exceptional 2009 growing season. Delightfully perfumed, this wine shows a textured core of deep, dark fruit purity with underlying spice. Well balanced, it has great length and will evolve beautifully over time.

#### AWARDS, ACCOLADES & REVIEWS

*Trophy (Champion Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot) & Gold  
-Easter Show Wine Awards 2013 (NZ)*

*Trophy (Champion Classical Red Wine) & Pure Gold  
-Bragato Wine Awards 2011 (NZ)*

*Gold - Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2012 (NZ)*

*5 Stars - Winestate Magazine, September/October 2012 (Aus)*

*5 Stars - Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines 2013*

