

# VIDAL

of HAWKES BAY

## Legacy

### HAWKES BAY, GIMBLETT GRAVELS CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT 2010

#### SITE, SEASON & HARVEST

Vineyards Anthony Vidal.

Yields: 1.5-2.0kgs/vine

The 2010 growing season was highlighted by a warm and dry Indian summer creating the ideal ripening conditions for Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon in particular. March delivered a third of the normal rainfall and April a quarter. This platform during the critical ripening months gave us the opportunity to hold fruit on the vines until optimum flavour, concentration and balance were achieved. The fruit was grown entirely in our Anthony Vidal Vineyard 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. This naturally free-draining, low vigour site, together with early season crop reduction through "green thinning" and the long, dry growing season of 2010, has produced a wine of international standard displaying impressive 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: 25-30 days

Maturation: 20 months in French barrique; 60% new

Fining: Minimal egg white

Filtration: Minimal

Bottled 7 March 2012 Cases produced 350

Cellaring Potential 10+ years

#### TECHNICAL DETAIL

Varieties: 51% Cabernet Sauvignon 49% Merlot

Total acidity: 6.32g/L

Alcohol: 13.5%

Residual sugar: Nil

pH: 3.56

Barcode: 9414416101601

#### TASTING NOTE

From the renowned Gimblett Gravels, this Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot blend reflects the exceptional 2010 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

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

5 Stars – Winestate Magazine, May/June 2013 (Aus)

