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# VIDAL

of HAWKES BAY

## Legacy

### HAWKES BAY, GIMBLETT GRAVELS CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT 2013

#### SITE, SEASON & HARVEST

Vineyards: Anthony Vidal and Omahu Gravels

Yields: 35 HL/HA

2013 was an outstanding Hawkes Bay vintage and will go down in history as one of the regions greatest. Warm, dry and settled conditions prevailed throughout the season allowing picking decisions to be based purely on flavour and balance. Naturally low yielding vines combined with early season “green harvesting” and meticulous canopy management throughout the season have rewarded us with perfect ripeness, flavour development, concentration and tannin maturity.

Fruit for this wine was grown entirely in our premium Gimblett Gravels Wine Growing District vineyards 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 and “lean” sites combined with detailed vineyard knowledge and the ideal growing season of 2013 has produced a wine of international standard showing intensity, texture and depth of flavour.

#### WINEMAKING

Destemmed and crushed: 100%

Cap management: Hand plunged

Fermentation vessels: Open top fermenters

Fermentation temperature: 30-34°C

Time on skins: 27 days

Maturation: 19 months in French barrique; 50% new

Fining: Minimal egg white

Filtration: Minimal

Bottled 27th March 2015, 525 cases produced

Cellaring Potential 10+ years

#### TECHNICAL DETAIL

Varieties: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon 20% Merlot

Total acidity: 6.34g/L

Alcohol: 13.5%

Residual sugar: Nil

pH: 3.6

Barcode: 9414416101601

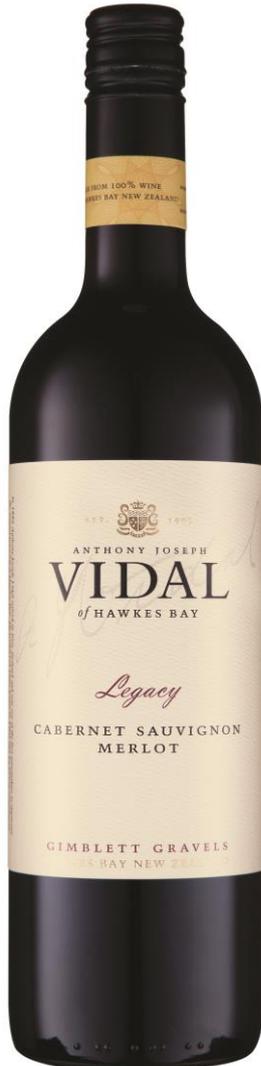
#### TASTING NOTE

This perfumed Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot blend from the Gimblett Gravels Winegrowing District shows intense aromatics of blackcurrant, dried herbs, graphite and cedar notes. The rich and concentrated palate of dark fruit combines with balanced mocha oak. Elegantly balanced, and textured with fine grained tannins this wine finishes with excellent mineral length. Distinct and ageworthy with the ability to age gracefully for up to 20 years from vintage in good cellar conditions.

#### AWARDS, ACCOLADES & REVIEWS

98/100 – Andrew Caillard, MW. Selected as one of top 12, 2013 Gimblett Gravels reds

Gold – Spiegelau International Wine Competition



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