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Winemakers Reserve

GIMBLETT GRAVELS SYRAH 2014



AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Gold - Hawkes Bay A&P Wine Awards 2016 & 2017
Gold - NZ International Wine Show 2016
95/100 - Bob Campbell MW
5 stars & No.5 NZ Syrah - Cuisine Magazine 2017
5 stars - Michael Cooper
19.5/20 - Raymond Chan
17+/20 - Jancis Robinson MW

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

This is a single vineyard wine from the Cornerstone Vineyard in the Gimblett Gravels. The vines, now 18 years old are spur pruned, trained on a vertical shoot positioned trellis and intensively managed to provide quality grapes for this Winemakers Reserve label. Yields are kept very low and the fruit has been hand harvested.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was destemmed and transferred for fermentation to a 1930s open-topped concrete fermenter. Fermentation began spontaneously and when active the fermenters were plunged by hand up to four times daily. Once dry, the new wine was macerated on skins and after a total vat time of approximately 30 days pressed to barrel for malolactic fermentation and ageing. Fifty-five percent of the barrels were new. The wine was bottled in December 2015.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

This is a deeply coloured and aromatic wine representing the best of the 2014 harvest. It displays notes of red fruits, blackberries and spice, with a subtle oak complexity. Full bodied and satisfying it also displays an elegance typical of Gimblett Gravels Syrah. 400 cases were produced.

IDEAL DRINKING

2016-2025+.



TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region: Gimblett Gravels
Variety: 100% Syrah
Maturation: 16 months in French oak barriques (55% new)
Alcohol: 14.0%
pH: 3.91
Total Acidity: 6.68g/L
Residual Sugar: Dry

May contain traces of egg products.
Contains sulphites. Suitable for gluten free diets.
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