

Gimblett Gravels Range





THE GIMBLETT

Gimblett Gravels Red Blend | 2021

Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels wines are crafted from vineyards within this small, sub-region of Hawke's Bay. Deposited by a wandering river, these unique, stony soils create exceptional wines of character and personality.

Appellation Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay

> Vineyards 96% Gimblett Stones 4% Gimblett Estate

Variety 50% Cabernet Franc 46% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Petit Verdot

Harvest Detail 31st March - 15th April

Alc/Vol 14.5%

pH 3.89

TA 6.4 g/L

Since 2005, "The Gimblett" has typically been a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec, in varying proportions, depending on the strengths of the vintage. Thanks to a favourable growing season, the 2021 release is made almost entirely from the Cabernet family, with a small amount of Petit Verdot adding further complexity and interest.

Winemaking

Each variety was harvested from individual blocks in two distinct vineyards, de-stemmed and fermented separately. All parcels were either pumped over once, or hand plunged twice daily to aid optimum colour and tannin extraction. Total time on skins post-fermentation (including maceration) ranged from 19 to 22 days, which helped improve the texture of the tannins while softening and stabilising the individual wines.

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Each parcel was matured either in new or seasoned 225-litre French oak barriques for up to 12 months before being blended in May and bottled in June 2022, respectively. The percentage of new oak in the final blend was 38%.

The Wine

The beauty and perfume of Cabernet Franc is complimented by the sophistication and refinement of Cabernet Sauvignon, and the colour, spice and structure of Petit Verdot.

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There is excellent concentration and purity of flavour on the palate with a vibrant core of black fruit flavour wrapped in sheath of cedary, toasty oak. Fine-grained tannins and juicy acidity combine to produce a succulent, supple, and textural wine with the structure and capacity to develop further complexity over the next 10 years. Drink from 2023 to 2033. Enjoy with Beef Bourguignon.

Decant before serving.