



VILLA MARIA
NEW ZEALAND



PRODUCER PROFILE

Winemaker: Nick Picone
Estate founded: 1961
Winery production: 2,400 Bottles
Region: Hawke's Bay
Country: New Zealand

Villa Maria Ngakirikiri 2014

WINE DESCRIPTION

'Ngakirikiri' in Māori, refers to the unique gravel soils that define the Hawkes Bay, Gimblett Gravels growing appellation, a befitting name for this stony Hawkes Bay vineyard sited on what was an ancient riverbed. The Gimblett Gravels sub-region is a majestic site with a reputation for beautiful and thought-provoking wines.

This Villa Maria flagship wine is only made when exceptionally rare conditions produce truly outstanding wines for consideration. Our Icon wines represents the pinnacle of our winemaking achievements and a milestone in Villa Maria's history.

TASTING NOTES

Upon pouring, this deep purple colored wine gradually yields notably intense and pure aromatics of cassis, black plum and anise, with ground coffee bean, graphite, fragrant thyme and cedar nuances also vying for attention. Layers of concentrated flavors emerge and flow beautifully across the palate from start to finish, with optimally ripe fruit, fine-grained tannins and supportive oak enhancing overall texture and richness at each point along the way. This full-bodied wine will benefit and gain additional complexity from careful cellaring over the next 15-20 years.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Production area/appellation: Gimblett Gravels
Bottles produced of this wine: 2,400

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Length of aging before bottling: 18 months

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol: 13.8%
pH level: 3.6
Residual sugar: 0.64 g/L
Acidity: 6.2 g/L
Dry extract: 35.7 g/L