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CRAFTED
NEW ZEALAND WINE



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Sir George Fistonich
Winemaker: Gordon Russell
Estate founded: 1986
Region: Hawke's Bay
Country: New Zealand

Esk Valley Red Blend 2020

WINE DESCRIPTION

This wine was blended from grapes grown within the renowned Gimblett Gravels Winegrowing District. These deep stony soils have excellent drainage and low vigor, ideal for the production of high-quality red wine. Our vineyard sites are close planted and yields per vine are kept low to maximize quality.

The individual vineyard and varietal parcels were destemmed to our fermenters and inoculated with selected yeast strains. Once active the ferments were hand plunged or gently pumped over to extract tannin and color from the skins. After a period of maceration on skins the new wines were pressed to barrel and tank for malolactic fermentation. The individual parcels were aged separately in French oak barriques for 12 months before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This is a rich and full-bodied Gimblett Gravels blend. Densely colored, it has a bouquet of dark cherry, blackberry, dried herbs and cedar. It is soft and generous in nature and can be enjoyed as a youthful wine, but possesses sufficient tannin to age gracefully for many years.

FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy with red meat, game and rich tomato-based dishes.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Production area/appellation: Gimblett Gravels

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition: 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 13% Malbec
Fermentation container: French oak barriques
Length of alcoholic fermentation: 12 months days

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol: 13.5%
pH level: 3.71
Residual sugar: 1 g/L
Acidity: 5.51 g/L