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RUHANUI MERLOT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2024, GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKE'S BAY

VINTAGE

The 2024 vintage will go down as one of the finest ever seen in Hawke's Bay.

A cool, extended flowering period in spring 2023 resulted in lower than average yields naturally concentrating flavours.

The remainder of the growing season was near perfect, with warm days and cool nights allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly.

VINEYARD

Cornerstone and Mere Road

Located on the southern banks of the Ngaruroro River in the famed Gimblett Gravels sub-region.

Planted on young, deep alluvial gravels that are free draining and encourage low yields and concentrated flavour. A sub-region that has naturally low rainfall and high sunshine hours.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

A harmonious blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine opens with aromas of ripe plum, blackcurrant, and dark cherry layered with subtle notes of cedar and dried herbs. The palate is smooth and well-structured, showing firm tannins, and hints of spice. Balanced acidity carries the wine through to a long, elegant finish.

WINEMAKING

FRUIT HANDLING AND FERMENTATION:

Hand-picked. 100% Destemmed to open top fermenters and hand plunged twice daily. 2 to 3 weeks post ferment maturation.

MATURATION:

Pressed directly to barrel for malolactic fermentation.

14 months in French barriques. 10% new. 30% one year old. 60% older.



TECH NOTES

Standard Drinks : 7.7	ALC : 13.0%	Residual Sugar : Dry
Bottled: July 2025	Variety : 74% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon	
Closure : Screwcap	Vegan Friendly	

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