# **SOPHIA**

# GIMBLETT GRAVELS VINEYARD

# HAWKE'S BAY 2010

#### VARIETY

63% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

#### HARVEST DATA

Vintage Detail Cool, dry autumn, very good

Brix 23.1 average

Production Level 43 hl/ha average

Hand Harvested 100%

### WINEMAKING

Whole Bunch 0%
Destemmed 100%

Fermentation Vessel Closed stainless steel tanks

Fermentation Inoculated

Barrel Type French oak barriques

New Barrel % 44%

Maturation 18 months
Fining Yes
Filtration Yes
Bottled Dec-11

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.5 Residual Sugar Nil pH 3.74 Acidity 5.4g/l

#### TASTING NOTE

Dark garnet core colour. Spicy notes of cinnamon and freshly roasted espresso beans combine with oak and herb notes of cedar and thyme to overlay a ripe blackcurrant base aroma. The palate exudes elegance via a balance of fine layered tannin and mid palate fruit presence. This wine has a soft texture on a mid weight frame, yet has immense length.

FOOD MATCH: Rich Beef

CELLARING: 10 - 15 years from vintage

MARKETS: NZ, Australia, UK, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore,

Philippines, China, USA, Canada, Brazil, Croatia, Denmark, Dubai, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Ukraine

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