# **SOPHIA**

## GIMBLETT GRAVELS VINEYARD

# HAWKE'S BAY 2011

#### VARIETY

60% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

### HARVEST DATA

Vintage Detail Warm, La Niña Summer

Brix 23.7 average Production Level 45 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 % 37%

Maturation 19 months

Fining Yes
Filtration Yes
Bottled Feb-13

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.3 Residual Sugar Nil pH 3.72 Acidity 5.6g/l

### TASTING NOTE

Dark garnet colour. Lifted aromatics of dark berries, cassis, cocoa and wooden spices. Rich sweet fruit and hints of caramel are surrounded by firm fine tannins which provide elegance and great length on the palate.

FOOD MATCH: Rich Beef

CELLARING: 10 - 15 years from vintage

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

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

UK, Ukraine

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