

# Les Beaux Cailloux

### GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKE'S BAY 2018

## HARVEST DATA

VARIETAL Chardonnay

VINTAGE DETAIL Warm and dry summer, wet final

ripening period

BRIX 21.8 average
PRODUCTION LEVEL 39 hl/ha average

HAND HARVESTED 100%

#### WINEMAKING

WHOLE BUNCH 100% DESTEMMED 0%

FERMENTATION VESSEL French oak barriques

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BARREL TYPE French oak barriques

NEW BARREL % 38%

MATURATION 10 months

FINING No.

FILTRATION Yes – coarse filtration

BOTTLED Aug – 19

#### WINE ANALYSIS

ALCOHOL 13.3

RESIDUAL SUGAR Nil
PH 3.43

ACIDITY 5.56g/l

#### **TASTING NOTE:**

Pale straw colour. A complex, but powerful mix of fresh cashews, cracked barley and white peach. The palate is elegant and long. The stone fruit of the nose is replaced by citrus, a lemon line that is incredibly persistent. Fantastic tension that is kept in check by complementary oak.

**FOOD MATCH:** Roasted free-range chicken, char-grilled

crayfish with fresh pasta

**CELLARING:** 6 - 10 years from vintage