

# Sophia

# GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKE'S BAY 2018

#### HARVEST DATA

VARIETY 81% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc VINTAGE DETAIL

Warm and dry summer, with a rain

event mid ripening

23 average BRIX

PRODUCTION LEVEL 48 hl/ha average

100% HAND HARVESTED

### WINEMAKING

WHOLE BUNCH 0% 100% DESTEMMED

French oak cuves FERMENTATION VESSEL

Inoculated **FERMENTATION** 

BARREL TYPE French oak barriques

**NEW BARREL %** 45%

MATURATION 18 months

FINING Yes

Yes - coarse filtration **FILTRATION** 

BOTTLED Jan-18

#### WINE ANALYSIS

13.1 ALCOHOL RESIDUAL SUGAR Nil ΡН 3.64 ACIDITY 5.31g/l

## TASTING NOTE:

Deep, dark red. An intensely lifted nose of blackcurrant, mulberry and other autumnal berries, but evident mocha and cinnamon eluding to an impending sweetness of the palate. The tannins and incredibly fine and powdery. They carry the volume of fruit effortlessly. While delivering immediate enjoyment with the abundance of flavour, it is clear this a high-quality wine built for time.

**FOOD MATCH:** Slow cooked beef cheek, smoked brassica sides

**CELLARING:** 10 - 15 years from vintage