CRAGGY RANGE

2020 The Quarry

GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKE'S BAY

'The Quarry' is made from the best parcels of hand-selected Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc & Merlot grapes growing in the heart of our Gimblett Gravels Vineyard in Hawke's Bay. This vineyard was once destined to be a quarry before local vignerons protected the land for vines. The wine is a tribute to their tenacity. Only made in the best vintages from selected barriques, this rare, strongly structured wine will reward cellaring for up to a decade from vintage.

TASTING NOTE

87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc

Deep, garnet red with lifted notes of blackcurrant, anise, and bergamot. Tannins are opulent in quantity and quality; we already see the classic hallmarks of famed Cabernet blends. Blackberry, redcurrant and sweet brioche are abundant, with the sweet and savoury in perfect harmony, ensuring this wine will age with grace.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

The 2020 season delivered near-perfect conditions, with a warm, dry spring and a consistent ripening period free of disease pressure. Bordeaux varieties were harvested a week earlier than average, showing exceptional concentration, fine tannin structure, and remarkable aromatic lift - a vintage of both immediate appeal and long-term potential. 100% harvested and sorted by hand, the fruit was then fermented in closed-top French oak cuves. Aged for 18 months in French oak barriques (37% new) before fining and coarse filtration, then bottled in December 2021.



2020	98 Points 96 Points 96 Points	Bob Campbell MW Erin Larkin – Wine Advocate Cameron Douglas MS – Decanter
2019	98 Points	Bob Campbell MW
2016	97 Points 95 Points	Bob Campbell MW Nick Stock – James Suckling