

C R A G G Y R A N G E

2022 Sophia

GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKE'S BAY

Sophia, the height of elegance and longevity, predominantly showcases Merlot, complemented by Cabernet Sauvignon and increasingly significant Cabernet Franc. Crafted at our Giants winery, Sophia embodies opulence and ripe flavours with a tannin structure supporting extensive ageing. With vines now over 25 years old, our distinct Merlot blocks contribute aromatic elegance and plush power. Evolving winemaking techniques yield depth and balance with silk-laden tannins accentuated by elevated perfume.

TASTING NOTE

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

Deep, dark garnet red. Intensely aromatic, with notes of mulberry, blackcurrant, and mocha. Gorgeous and distinctly open. It is very approachable, with darker cherries, cinnamon, and chocolate flavours flowing seamlessly through the palate. It is effortlessly pure, allowing immediate enjoyment, although it's evident the pedigree of this site is built for time.

WINEMAKING

Thanks to early ripening before late summer rains, our Gimblett Gravels reds benefited from deep flavour development and balanced alcohol levels. The warm spring conditions contributed to rich, ripe fruit profiles and soft, mature tannin structure. Fruit was hand harvested and hand-sorted into closed-top French oak cives for fermentation then matured for 17 months in French oak barriques, of which 33% was new. The wine was fined and coarse filtered before bottling in November 2023.



ALCOHOL 13 | PH 3.65 | ACIDITY 5.8 g/l

2022	95 Points	Stephen Wong MW
	18.5 Points	Matthew Jukes
	17.5 Points	Jancis Robinson MW
2021	97 Points	Bob Campbell MW
	98 Points	Huon Hooke
	18 Points	Richard Hemming MW
2020	17.5 Points	Jancis Robinson MW
	97 Points	Bob Campbell MW
	97 Points	James Suckling
2019	97 Points	Bob Campbell MW
	17 Points	Jancis Robinson MW