CRAGGY RANGE

2023 Syrah

GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKE'S BAY

From the stony soils of the famed Gimblett Gravels, this Syrah captures the unmistakable synergy between site and variety. Defined by a legacy of meticulous farming, clonal precision, and low-vigour, high-density vines, this wine reflects decades of refinement in one of New Zealand's most distinctive terroirs. Deeply expressive, it champions lifted aromatics of florals, black pepper, and dark fruit with a palate supported by vibrant energy, refined structure, concentration and poise, with fine tannins and an elegant finish.

TASTING NOTE

Brilliant ruby red in colour. Raspberries mingled with warm spices leap from the glass amid dried flowers, hints of white pepper and subtle sweet oak which offers a comforting richness. The fruit remains pure, lingering on the palate with fine tannins, making this wine appealing to all wine drinkers.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

A moderate spring led into a temperate ripening season punctuated by significant rain events, making harvest timing and selection critical. 100% of the fruit was hand-harvested and fully destemmed, before fermentation in a mix of open-top stainless steel fermenters and oak cuves using inoculated yeast. The wine matured for 16 months in French oak barriques, 25% new, before being fined, filtered, and bottled in November 2024.

ALCOHOL	12.5
RESIDUAL SUGAR	nil
PH	3.56
ACIDITY	6.0 g/l



2022	94 Points	Andrew Caillard MW
2021	94 Points 19 Points	James Suckling Joelle Thomson – Drinksbiz
2020	Best in Show Best in Show 94 Points 94 Points 94 Points 93 Points	Decanter World Wine Awards Hawke's Bay Wine Awards Cameron Douglas MS – Decanter James Suckling Andrew Caillard MW Rebecca Gibb MW – Vinous
2019	95 Points 94 Points 94 Points 94 Points	Mike Bennie – The Wine Front James Suckling Christina Pickard – Wine Enthusiast Tina Gellie – Decanter