

CRAGGY RANGE

2023 Le Sol

GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKE'S BAY

Le Sol (the soil) is crafted from Syrah grown in the stoniest parts of our Gimblett Gravels Estate, planted to a heritage clone brought to New Zealand in the 1840s. Le Sol is intensively hand-managed and always aromatically pure with a luscious yet elegant mid-palate and a distinctive fine tannin finish. Rich, evocative, yet refined, Le Sol has evolved since its first release to achieve that balance between intense but floral Syrah in its purest form. The longevity of this wine is never in doubt; however, there is an increasing approachability upon release, so its beauty can be appreciated now while also anticipating future occasions when it will truly shine.

TASTING NOTE

Deep twilight purple in the glass. From a cooler, more restrained year, lavender, liquorice, graphite, and mulberry aromas emerge with quiet elegance. The palate is finely etched—floral and savoury notes carry on a thread of tension and freshness. Silken, precise tannins offer structure and grace. A wine of subtle beauty, shaped by the season and destined to unfold slowly with time.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

Thanks to early ripening before late summer rains, the 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. In 2023, Le Sol's fruit was selectively hand-harvested from Blocks 10, 14, and 4. Bunches were meticulously hand-sorted and divided between a single French oak cuve and stainless steel open-top fermenter. Maceration on skins extended for 24 to 28 days, employing gentle pumpover regimes. Post-fermentation, the wine matured for 17 months in a combination of French oak barriques and Austrian demi-muids; 37% new oak.



ALCOHOL 13 | PH 3.71 | ACIDITY 5.3 g/l

2023	96 Points	Colin Hay – Drinks Business
	95 Points	Jane Anson
	95 Points	Stephen Wong MW
	95 Points	Georgina Hindle – Decanter
	18.5+ Points	Matthew Jukes
2022	97 Points	Colin Hay – Drinks Business
	96 Points	Stephen Wong MW
	95+ Points	Erin Larkin – Wine Advocate
2021		Ken Gargett – World of Fine Wine
	98 Points	Erin Larkin – Wine Advocate
	97+ Points	Matthew Jukes
	19 Points	James Suckling
2020	97 Points	
	98 Points	Huon Hooke Bob Campbell MW