

CRAGGY RANGE

2023 Te Kahu

GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKE'S BAY

Te Kahu embodies the essence of a Bordeaux-style "vineyard blend," reflecting planting percentages of the vineyard with a Merlot-dominant composition followed by Cabernet Sauvignon. Crafted from fruit grown in our Gimblett Gravels Estate vineyard, showcasing ripe black and red fruit flavours with a softer tannin profile, ideal for shorter aging. Sourced from multiple blocks, it harmonises higher-toned red fruit from silty soils with darker, concentrated black fruit from stony blocks, resulting in a blend prioritising drinkability and complexity.

TASTING NOTE

81% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon,
8% Cabernet Franc

Ruby red in colour, with notes of juicy red fruits and a savoury undertone. The aromatics leap from the glass offering freshly plucked raspberries and black cherry, amidst blackcurrant leaves, violets and charred spices. These characters follow through to the palate where they are met with a moreish cocoa powder tannin, along with hints of dried tobacco and cedar.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

A cooler 2023 season, shaped by a moderate spring and several significant rain events, demanded precision in picking and selection. Crafted entirely from hand-harvested fruit, the grapes were destemmed and fermented in closed-top stainless steel tanks using inoculated yeast. The wine matured in oak barriques, predominantly French, for 16 months with 21% new, then fined, filtered and bottled in November 2024.

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| ALCOHOL | 12.5 |
| RESIDUAL SUGAR | nil |
| PH | 3.56 |
| ACIDITY | 5.84 g/l |



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| 2021 | 93 Points 92 Points | James Suckling Erin Larkin – Wine Advocate |
| 2020 | 94 Points 93 Points 90 Points | James Suckling Bob Campbell MW Rebecca Gibb MW – Vinous |
| 2019 | 94+ Points 92 Points 91 Points | Andrew Caillard MW Decanter Wine Awards Ollie Smith – Decanter |
| 2018 | 94 Points 91 Points | James Suckling Andrew Caillard MW |