

# TRINITY HILL

NEW ZEALAND



## TRINITY HILL | GIMBLETT GRAVELS | THE GIMBLETT | 2018

**Appellation:** Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay

**Vineyards:** 92% Gimblett Stones/8% Gimblett Estate

**Varieties:** 50% Cabernet Sauvignon/50% Cabernet Franc

**Harvest Detail:** Picked: 4<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April

Alc./Vol: 13.5%    TA: 5.9 g/L    pH: 3.86    RS: 0.27 g/L

Since 2005, "The Gimblett" has typically been a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec, in varying proportions, depending on the strengths of the vintage. Thanks to one of the warmest growing seasons on record, the 2018 release is made entirely from the Cabernet family, a first for the label.

**Winemaking:** Each variety was hand harvested from individual blocks in two distinct vineyards, de-stemmed and fermented separately. All parcels were either hand plunged twice or pumped over once daily to aid optimum colour and tannin extraction. Total time on skins (including post-fermentation maceration) ranged from 13 to 46 days, which helped to improve the texture of the tannins while softening and stabilising the individual wines.

Each parcel was matured in 100% new 225-litre French oak barriques for 15 months before being blended together in July 2019 and returned to the same barrels for a further six months maturation. After a total of 21 months in barrel, the wine was re-assembled, filtered and bottled in February 2020.

**The Wine:** Cabernet Franc lends beauty and fragrance to the elegance and restrained power of Cabernet Sauvignon.

A youthful, deep purple/magenta colour and a violet perfume introduce brooding aromas of blackcurrants and blackberries along with savoury hints of bramble, fresh cedar, liquorice, vanilla and toast.

A dense core of pure blackcurrant flavour, savoury oak, fine-grained tannins and juicy acidity combine effortlessly to produce a concentrated, seamless, textural palate that powers to a long and satisfyingly succulent finish.

A classic "The Gimblett" in the making that will come into its own over the next 15 years. Drink 2020 to 2035. Decant before serving.

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