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## Gimblett Gravels Undressed Merlot 2022



This wine is 100% Merlot, from our Roy's Hill Vineyard and is preservative free.

**Vintage:** In the 2022 season, we not troubled by frost in the spring and flowering was very good. Weather was unsettled over the growing season, with a lot of rain events, so it was a tricky vintage for us. Having said that, the fruit we did take in was hand picked and in great condition (just not that much of it survived the weather).

**Wine:**

**Colour:** Medium ruby red colour.

**Aromatics:** Blackcurrant, plum and cherry plus savoury notes.

**Palate:** This wine has black and red fruit flavours and a medium body. Subtle oak influence from maturation in seasoned French oak barrels and soft tannins. **Suitable for vegans and no added sulphites.**



### Technical Info:

**Region:** Gimblett Gravels Wine Growing District®, Hawke's Bay.

**Vineyard:** Roy's Hill.

**Variety:** Merlot.

**Harvest:** Hand harvested on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**Vinification:** Fermented in open-top stainless steel fermenters. Hand plunged two times daily. Post fermentation soak for two to three weeks followed by maturation in barrel.

**Maturation:** Matured in seasoned French oak without adding any sulphur (nor was sulphur added at bottling).

**Bottled:** 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

**Analysis:** Alc 13 % vol.

**Closure:** BVS

**Production:** 90 cases

**Cellaring Potential:** 2-4 years.



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