



# 2016 IMPRESSION RED



## DENSE, RICH, FRAGRANT BARREL AGED BLEND OF 54% MERLOT, 31% CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND 15% CABERNET FRANC

### Colour

Deep red, carmine.

### Aroma

Dark, black current and plum notes.

### Palate

Soft, rich and juicy on the entry. Chocolate and brambly dark black fruits. Finely structured with French oak and elegant fine grained tannins. Elegant, long, moreish finish.

### Vintage

The 2016 growing season in Hawke's Bay was slow to start, with a cool, late Spring. The Summer that followed brought consistently warm days from January through to March which meant the vines caught up and vintage although later was back on track. The Bordeaux Reds from this vintage are very approachable at a young age, exhibiting soft, rich, dark fruits and lovely structure and depth.

### Vineyards

Gimblett Road, Bridge Pa, Hawke's Bay.

### Soils

Gravels, silt, loam.

### Ageing

18 month in matured French oak barrels.

### Unfined and Unfiltered

### Chemistry

pH 3.65 TA 6.5 Alc 13.5% v/v.

### Recommended Cellaring

Drink now through to 2023+.

### 189 x 12 cases produced



## REVIEWS

### 4.5 STARS - 2019 Buyers Guide to New Zealand Wines - Wine Writer - Michael Cooper

The distinctive, attractive 2016 vintage (4.5\*) is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Matured for 18 months in seasoned French oak barrels, and bottled unfined and unfiltered, it is full-coloured, with a fragrant, berryish, slightly herbal bouquet. Medium to full-bodied, it is vibrantly fruity, with strong plum, red berry and spice flavours, showing good complexity, and fine-grained tannins. Already highly enjoyable, it should also reward cellaring; best drinking 2021+.

### New Zealand Herald - 2018 Viva Magazine - Master of Wine - Emma Jenkins

Winemaker Julianne Brogden crafts impressive, lovely wines in close collaboration with like-minded growers, then adorns the labels with artwork from a friend she met while making wine in California's Napa Valley. "2016 Impression Red" is a perfumed fruit-rich red with structured brambly dark berries and plums, fine-grained tannins and a long, elegant finish.

### 92/100 - The Real Review - Bob Campbell MW

The Collaboration Wines Impression Red 2016 is an entry-level blend of merlot, cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc. Smooth-textured and moderately dense red dark berry, cedar and subtle crushed herb flavours that are so well integrated it's difficult to define individual flavours. The wine is more vinous than fruity. Great value.

### Supremely Elegant Reds - The Real Review - Bob Campbell MW

<https://www.therealreview.com/2019/06/18/supremely-elegant-reds>