



# 2012 IMPRESSION RED



## DENSE, RICH, FRAGRANT BARREL AGED BLEND OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND MERLOT

### Colour

Deep red, carmine.

### Aroma

Brambly red fruits with a core of underlying darker fruits and a pleasant hint of bay leaf.

### Palate

Soft, plush and smooth on the entry. Dark fruited, juicy, savory, mid palate, Showing approachable, lingering tannins.

### Vintage

The 2012 vintage in Hawkes Bay was a very cool, wet, growing season, one of the most challenging, signifying the need for meticulous canopy management to ensure optimum physiological ripeness.

### Blend

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot.

### Vineyards

Gimblett Road, Hawke's Bay.

### Soils

Gravels, sand, silt.

### Ageing

18 months in matured French oak barrels.

### Unfined and Unfiltered

### Chemistry

pH 3.65 TA 6.6g/l Alc 13.5 %v/v

### Recommended Cellaring

Drink now through till 2018+

### 100 x 12 cases produced



## REVIEWS

### 4 STARS - 2014 Buyers Guide to New Zealand Wines - Wine Writer - Michael Cooper

A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from 'select vineyard sites' in Hawke's Bay, was matured for a year in seasoned French oak casks, and bottled unfined and unfiltered. Full-coloured, it is mouthfilling and fleshy, with blackcurrant, plum and slight tamarillo flavours, seasoned with spicy oak, and excellent texture and complexity. From a difficult season, it's a very good effort.