## BEACH HOUSE CABERNET FRANC 2021



CHAMPION- SINGLE VINEYARD WINE- HAWKE'S BAY A&P WINE AWARDS 2023

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Area: Gimblett Gravels

Alcohol: 14.5% PH: 3.74 Total Acidity: 5.5 g/l Residual Sugar: <1g/l

True to our prediction This wine has won not one but three trophies. This gives us a total of 7 trophies since 2014 for our Cabernet Franc alone. I think we can claim to know what we are doing with this wonderful variety!

2021 was another warm and dry season. We had 41 mls of rain on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February and a further 25 ml on the 11<sup>th</sup> of march so a reasonably dry vintage with no irrigation required. Picked on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March at 24.9 brix, in perfect condition. The natural irrigation gives the wine a little more depth of flavours than the powerhouse 2020. I highly recommend your try the 2019, 2020 and 2021 to get a masterclass in what Gimblett gravels Cabernet Franc can be at its best. These wines are juicy enough to enjoy now for sure, but definitely worth an attempt to put the rest of the case away – even for a couple of years. You will be rewarded.

Violets, spice, chocolate, and damson plum saturate the nose whilst the palate is rich and opulent giving loads of dark red fruits. The tannins give the wine plenty of structure, also providing longevity for many years to come.

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