



Reviews & Accolades

IRONGATE CABERNET MERLOT FRANC 2004

WINENZ

Spring 2008

Real Cabernet aromas of tobacco and clove flavours with good heavy-toast oak in support. Strapping tannins. Quite Bordelaise in style. Nice!

MICHAEL COOPER'S BUYERS GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND WINE 2009

Michael Cooper, 2009

4 Stars

Grown in the Irongate vineyard in Gimblett Road, Hawke's Bay and matured in French barriques (30 per cent new), this elegant, complex, firmly structured red is designed for cellaring. Still developing, the 2004 is dark, with blackcurrant, plum and slight herb flavours, showing good complexity and structure.

WINE ORBIT

1 July 2009

4.5 Stars

Medium-deep red colour. A lovely fragrant nose displaying blackberry, plum, floral and creamy oak characters. The medium-bodied palate is ripe and rounded with refreshing acidity and compact tannins providing firmness and a nice dry finish. A well structured wine still yet to reach its maturity.

WINESTATE

September/October 2009

Mature, with firm, concentrated, slightly leafy flavours and a hint of coffee. Leathery and mellow, with good length."