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Tasting Note

BABICH WINEMAKERS RESERVE SYRAH 2008

**Region:**

Hawke's Bay - Gimblett Gravels

Winemaker:

Adam Hazeldine

Recommended Food:

The sweet fruit flavours, edged by savoury oak make this wine an ideal partner to red meat dishes. Try it with pan-fried lamb cutlets, or with braised beef spooned over mashed potatoes.

Recommended Cellaring:

4-5 years

Production Notes:

The grapes were harvested after a long steady ripening through late summer from our Gimblett Road vineyard in Hawke's Bay. The fruit was fermented in open vats and tank with frequent plunging of the "cap". The finished wine went to new and old French and American oak for maturation for a period of 16 months. Blending and took place in September 2009.

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A pleasing nose dominated by sweet dark fruits with white pepper, cedar and vanilla. Sweet black Doris plums and raspberries fill the mouth and are nicely matched with medium weight and fleshy texture. Fine elegant tannins are evenly layered with dark fruit and well integrated oak. Raspberry and spice linger on the finish.