## **TESTIFY**

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# TESTIFY HAWKES BAY RED BLEND NEW ZEALAND

HAWKE'S BAY · NEW ZEALAND · OCEANIA

#### **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

#### The Estate

Hawke's Bay is located on the East Coast of the North Island of New Zealand. The region enjoys dry summers with moderate, cool nights. The Gimblett Gravels is marked by specific soils laid bare from the constantly shifting Ngaruroro River over millions of years.

### Wine Making

his certified organic site can ripen quite late compared to others on the Gimblett Gravels, resulting in denser, darker fruit. After hand picking, destemming, and lightly crushing, the fruit was cold macerated for 5 days on skins before slowly warming each of the small fermenters and allowing a wild fermentation to kick in. Some of the fermenters were a co-ferment of both Malbec and Merlot. After pressing, the wine was put to a French oak barriques, 20% of which were new barrels. The wine was racked and blended after 24 months in oak.

# **Food Suggestions**

Pairs well with lamb or beef based dishes.

## **TASTING NOTES**

Deeply aromatic with layers of boysenberry, plum, iron and earth; the palateis demarcated by a firm, suede-like, tannin structure. In the glass it exudesdensity and ripeness; overflowing with sweet berry, plum, chocolate, andvanilla notes. The well-integrated oak and bright acidity, a signature of themalbec in the blend, promise a great future for this wine with cellaring.

Merlot & Malbec grape blend.

This wine contains allergens, sulfites.

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#### **ATTRIBUTES**

- Available Size: 750mL (12 pc)
- Organic
- ABV%: 13
- Class: Red REVIEWS

Bob Campbell, The Real Review | 95 points

Cameron Douglas MS | 93 points Sam Kim, The Wine Orbit | 95 Points

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