

Louis Latour Agencies

Cru Omahu Cantera Smith and Sheth

Vintage 2018

Country of Origin New Zealand Region Hawkes Bay

Grape varieties Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc,

Tempranillo

Wine description

Hawke's Bay (Heretaunga in Maori) is the birthplace of Smith & Sheth. The parcels of fruit from the Omahu appellation are all located in the famous Gimblett Gravels winegrowing district. The incredibly stony soils of the ancient bed of the Ngaruroro River and this warm location create perfect conditions for ripe, full-bodied and gravelly-textured red grapes.

Tasting note

Complex dark red fruits predominant on the nose. A beautiful fusion of spicy berry aromas with liquorice and sweet oak and vanilla in the background. The three varieties in this wine complement each other in both aroma and palate. The Cabernet Sauvignon delivers power and structure, the Tempranillo, juiciness and flesh with the Cabernet Franc adding aromatic lift and freshness.

Vineyard information

Average vine age 7 to 20 years old Soil composition Stony riverbed soils

Harvest type Hand picked

Environmental management Sustainable agriculture

Winemaking information

De-stemmed Yes

Fermentation vessel Stainless steel

Maturation vessel American and French oak barriques

(30% new)

Maturation time 20 months

Finning/clarification Yes
Filtration Yes

Wine Analysis

Alcohol by volume 13.5% pH 3.9
Acidity (grams per litre) 5.8 g/L

