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SQUAWKING MAGPIE THE CHATTERER MERLOT / CABERNET / MALBEC 2023



$23.99

94+/100 Top Rated Red Blend - Andrew Caillard MW - Gimblett Gravels Annual Vintage Selection 2023

Product Code:	2370
Country:	New Zealand
Region:	Hawkes Bay
Sub Region:	Gimblett Gravels
Style:	Red
Variety:	Cabernet / Merlot Blend
Producer:	Squawking Magpie

Closure:	Screw Cap
Unit:	Each
Volume:	750ml
Alcohol:	13.5%
Grape:	Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec

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TASTING NOTES

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Winery Notes (2023 Vintage)
"This wine is deep in colour with a layered fragrant nose of ripe plum and cassis with lifted vanilla, cedar and tobacco notes. The palate has a rich velvet texture with excellent structure, ripe black fruits and cassis flavours with a long full finish. Barrel aged for 18 months."

Andrew Caillard MW (2023 Vintage)
"Medium deep crimson. Red cherry, red plum, cassis aromas with marzipan, roasted walnut notes. Supple and well concentrated with ample red and dark berry fruits, attractive mid-palate volume and sinuous grainy/ cedar tannins. Builds up claret firm with black olive, dark chocolate notes."

18.5/20, Matthew Jukes (UK), December 2025 (2023 Vintage)
Reviewing the Gimblett Gravels Selection 2023 ....
"Like the wine above, the 2020 vintage of this wine is available in the UK. I have found a merchant, Winestore Eccleston, who sells it for £16.50. I wonder if this is a typo or perhaps another cuvée; either way, from the four blended reds and two Syrahs in this selection, this wine stood tall in the non-Syrah camp, and if it ended up being double the price by the time it made it to the UK, I wouldn't quibble. Leading with 64% Merlot, and embellished with 22% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Malbec, everything about this wine is carefully considered. The new oak portion is only 10% and the alcohol weighs in at 13.5%. Winemaker Jenny Dobson has calmed all of the threads in this garment such that they hang together with uncommon grace. Once again, there is mineral tension, but, by comparison with the other wines in the set, it is heightened, along with the pristine fruit, and not dampened by ponderous oak or extraction. There are only a handful of Merlots in the Southern Hemisphere with this wine's timbre. Like the Elephant, this Magpie is nearly drinking, with a bright future ahead of it. Congrats, Jenny – this is a beauty. And there you have it – the Animal Kingdom takes top honours in the Gravels this year! "

17/20 Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com, December 2025 (2023 Vintage)
"Mid to pale shaded garnet. Light nose but no obvious leafiness. Good confident balance on the palate. Dry finish and really appetising with some drive. No blockbuster but really savoury and successful with a light charge of subtle tannins."

Rated Excellent & 94/100 Cameron Douglas MS, January 2025 (2023 Vintage)
"The front label reads Merlot (64%) Malbec (14%), and 22% Cabernet Sauvignon. 18 months in French Oak 10% new. Dark ruby core with purple hues and a bright purple rim. A delicious wine from start to finish, it is precise and pure fruited with complexities coming from the use of oak and mouthfeel of tannins and acidity framing the core berry flavours. Blackberry, sage and blackcurrant, dark plums and some whispers of rosemary, tobacco and clove. Taut and dry, firm and youthful, a wine that will age well as offering early drinking with food. Lighter weighted than previous iterations of the Chatterer yet no less engaging and lengthy. Best from early 2027 through 2031+."

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