

SACRED HILL



Brokenstone

MERLOT 2005



WINEMAKERS NOTE

Aromatic layered aroma a strong floral highlight. Complex savoury notes of mushroom, black olive and ripe cherry. Beautifully rich, plush and softly textured palate. Excellent structure, the full bodied fleshy fruit supported with savoury oak nuances. Rich and deeply satisfying.

Winemaker | Tony Bish

VINTAGE SUMMARY

A fabulous Indian summer led to a stunning Hawke's Bay vintage. Overall, physiological maturity was achieved in all varieties, yields were good, and flavours are intense. The cooler February benefited the aromatic varieties and Chardonnay while the extended 'hang time' and warm March to April period enabled excellent ripeness in the Bordeaux red varieties and Syrah

VINIFICATION

Hand picked grapes were fermented traditionally in small open vats with hand plunging, followed by basket pressing to premium French oak barriques.

VITICULTURAL DETAIL

Low yielding vines in the Gimblett Gravel region were hand managed to produce grapes fully ripened in flavour and tannins.


TECHNICAL DATA

REGION	Hawkes Bay	VARIETY	Merlot
APPEARANCE	Deep inky	STYLE	Dry full bodied
SERVE	Ambient	CELLARING	8-10 years
RS	<1 g/L	ALCOHOL	13.7%
PH	3.81	TA	5.4 g/L

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