

# SACRED HILL



## *Gimblett Gravels*

SYRAH 2008



### WINEMAKERS NOTE

A bouquet of lifted berry fruits, spicy notes and black pepper. The palate has sweet fruit on entry of ripe red berry's with a spicy oak notes and a velvety texture. Beautifully balanced, quintessential Gimblett Gravels Syrah.

*Winemaker | Tony Bish*

### VINTAGE SUMMARY

Hawke's Bay experienced a fairly typical summer with temperatures and rainfall close to average. January and February temperatures were warm but not excessive. A relatively heavy down pour in late February did however compromise our early ripening Riflemans Chardonnay vineyard, so we have chosen not to produce this exceptional wine from 2008. We enjoyed reasonably good autumn weather in March and April, and were able to fully ripen Sauvignon Blanc for Sauvage and our Gimblett Gravels reds. The outstanding wines of the vintage for Sacred Hill are Sauvage Sauvignon, Brokenstone Merlot and Deerstalkers Syrah.

### VINIFICATION

Traditional winemaking techniques with gentle destemming and ferment management. Matures in French oak barriques.

### TECHNICAL DATA

REGION	Hawkes Bay	VARIETY	Syrah
APPEARANCE	Deep purple colour	STYLE	Dry
SERVE	Ambient	CELLARING	2-4 Years
RS	<1 g/L	ALCOHOL	13.0%
PH	3.59	TA	7.1 g/L