

SACRED HILL



Basket Press

MERLOT CABERNET 2008

WINEMAKERS NOTE

Floral spicy aroma with licorice and savoury notes. The palate has warm savoury and spicy plum characters. Layered, supple and smooth.

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

Fermented in small closed top fermentors. Matured in French oak.

TECHNICAL DATA

REGION	Hawkes Bay	VARIETY	Merlot Cabernet
APPEARANCE	Deep red	STYLE	Full bodied dry red
SERVE	Ambient	CELLARING	2-5 Years
RS	>1 g/L	ALCOHOL	13%
PH	3.62	TA	5.8 g/L

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