

# SACRED HILL



## Deerstalkers

SYRAH 2006



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### WINEMAKERS NOTE

Deep rich and dense aroma redolent of ripe black plum and black cherry with complex spicy nuances. Richly textured and well structured palate with layered complex flavours of black fruits and spice. Black pepper and wild fruit aftertaste.

*Winemaker | Tony Bish*

### VINTAGE SUMMARY

A warm summer was followed by excellent autumn conditions. Fruit was harvested in pristine condition.

### VINEYARD

This wine is produced from Estate grown Syrah vines in our Gimblett Gravels vineyard in Hawke's Bay. Our vineyard team work hard with this variety, and much is done by hand. Shoot thinning, cluster thinning, leaf removal and harvesting are all hand operations, and it is this meticulous work that has much bearing on the inherent quality of this wine.

### VINIFICATION

The hand picked fruit is gently destemmed to small open vats, where the ferment is hand plunged for gentle and thorough extraction of fruit flavours and tannin structure. We manage several small ferments this way, to enable us some diversity for blending. Following gentle pressing, the wine is matured in the finest French oak barriques for 16 months in our temperature controlled barrel cellar.

### TECHNICAL DATA

REGION	Hawke's Bay	VARIETY	Syrah
APPEARANCE	Inky deep purple/black colour	STYLE	Dry
SERVE	Ambient	CELLARING	10 Years
RS	>1 g/L	ALCOHOL	14%
PH	3.70	TA	6.7 g/L

### PACKAGING INFO

Packaging	6 x 750ml bottles
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