

SACRED HILL



Helm'sman

CABERNET MERLOT 2007

WINEMAKERS NOTE

Deeply coloured, with lifted aroma's of sweet leather together with spicy earthy notes, hints of wild mushroom and black licorice. These aroma's follow to a dense richly fruited palate with excellent depth, power and concentration. Beautiful poise and balance, with supple tannins and lingering ripe fruit aftertaste.

Winemaker | Tony Bish

VINTAGE SUMMARY

Hawkes Bay enjoyed an excellent summer with plenty of warm weather and relatively low levels of rainfall. A warmer season than 2006, with the resulting wines rich and dense in structure.

VINEYARD

This is a single vineyard wine from our Deerstarkers Vineyard in the renowned Gimblett Gravels district of Hawke's Bay. Specially defined areas of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc were intensively managed to produce one bunch per shoot of physiologically ripe fruit.

VINIFICATION

Hand picked, gently de-stemmed without crushing and fermented in small open vats with hand plunging. Aged 18 months in French oak barriques.

TECHNICAL DATA

REGION	Hawkes Bay	VARIETY	Cabernet Merlot
APPEARANCE	Deep inky colour	STYLE	Full bodied dry red
SERVE	Ambient	CELLARING	10 years Plus
RS	>1 g/L	ALCOHOL	14%
PH	3.60	TA	g/L





