

SACRED HILL



Deerstalkers

SYRAH 2008



WINEMAKERS NOTE

Lifted spicy black fruits, with a fine gravelly note reminiscent of the soils from which it came. Layered complex aroma with savoury notes mingling with black cherry, black olive and plum. Very rich suave and velvety textured palate. All the complexity of the nose flows through to the palate with brooding dark fruits, spicy notes of black pepper and cinnamon and developing rich savoury gamey tones as it unfolds.

Winemaker | Tony Bish

VINTAGE SUMMARY

Hawkes Bay enjoyed a good summer with plenty of hot weather and relatively low levels of rainfall. This meant that in the approach to harvest fruit quality was maximized as the ripening processes began.

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	Syrah
APPEARANCE	Impenetrable deep colour.	STYLE	Full bodied dry red
SERVE	Ambient	CELLARING	5-10 years
RS	<1 g/L	ALCOHOL	14.0%
PH	3.66	TA	6.5 g/L