



The Wine Thief Series

SACRED HILL

HAWKE'S BAY

CHARDONNAY

2004

Tasting Notes

Peach and orange blossom aroma with biscuity overtones. Rich textured palate with fine chalky mineral notes. Great clarity of fruit and finesse, excellent length and persistence of flavour.

Vintage Summary

An exceptional vintage for Hawkes Bay. A warm consistent summer was followed by a warm and dry autumn. Outstanding conditions prevailed for making premium wines.

Vinification

Hand picked grapes were whole bunch pressed to new and one year old French oak barriques. Natural fermentation was employed with a partial malo-lactic fermentation. Aged with lees stirring for 12 months.

Viticultural Detail

Low yielding vines were crop and shoot thinned before hand harvesting at optimum ripeness.

<i>Winemaker</i>	Tony Bish	<i>Variety</i>	Chardonnay
<i>Region</i>	Hawke's Bay	<i>Style</i>	Full bodied dry white wine
<i>Appearance</i>	Pale straw	<i>Cellaring</i>	3 to 5 years
<i>Serve</i>	Lightly chilled	<i>Alcohol</i>	14.0%
<i>RS</i>	<2.0 g/L	<i>TA</i>	6.2 g/L
<i>pH</i>	3.45	<i>Packaging</i>	6 x 750ml bottles

The 'Wine Thief' is a traditional winemaker's tool used to extract sample wines for tasting. Usually made from glass, the thief is the winemakers' best friend as they look for special wines. The Wine Thief Series has been developed to show the passion and pursuit of excellence that these hand selected wines represent.

