



The Wine Thief Series

SACRED HILL

HAWKES BAY

SYRAH

2004

Tasting Notes

Floral sweet fruit and savoury aromas with hints of violets. Rich chewy savoury palate with liquorice and milk chocolate flavours. Black pepper spice, very elegant with textured earthy depth and richness.

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

Traditional fermentation in small vats with a long skin contact period. Aged in French oak barriques for 16 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>	Syrah
<i>Region</i>	Hawkes Bay	<i>Style</i>	Dry full bodied red
<i>Appearance</i>	Deep inky colour	<i>Cellaring</i>	5 to 10 years
<i>Serve</i>	Ambient	<i>Alcohol</i>	14.0%
<i>RS</i>	Dry	<i>TA</i>	7.0 g/L
<i>pH</i>	3.7	<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.

