



The Wine Thief Series

SACRED HILL

HAWKE'S BAY CHARDONNAY

2005

Tasting Notes

Citrus blossom, marmalade and lime aromas. A tight palate structure with stonefruit and citrus flavours, great texture. A long mineral finish. Beautifully structured and taut in its youth, will open and develop to deliver a magnificent chardonnay.

Vintage Summary

Warm and dry summer and autumn conditions resulted in excellent ripeness and varietal character.

Vinification

Hand picked, whole bunch pressed and one year old french oak. Aged "sur lie" for 12 months.

Viticultural Detail

Very low yielding vines were hand picked, thinned and cluster reduced to give power and concentration.

Winemaker | Tony Bish

Region | Hawke's Bay

Appearance | Pale straw

Serve | Lightly chilled

RS | <2.3 g/L

pH | 3.45

Variety | Chardonnay

Style | Full bodied dry white wine

Cellaring | 4 to 5 years

Alcohol | 13.5%

TA | 6.7 g/L

Packaging | 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.

