



The Wine Thief Series

SACRED HILL

HAWKES BAY

SYRAH

2005

Tasting Notes

Savoury spicy nose with white and black pepper, cinnamon, black olive and earthy tones. Very rich and concentrated palate with savoury complexity, dark fruits and earthiness. Balanced tannin structure with great suppleness and length.

Vintage Summary

Excellent vintage conditions prevailed allowing a great harvest of ripe and concentrated fruit.

Vinification

Hand picked grapes were gently de-stemmed and fermented in small open vats with hand plunging. Age 14 months in French oak barriques.

Viticultural Detail

Hand managed viticulture with shoot thinning, crop thinning and leaf plucking.

Winemaker | Tony Bish

Region | Hawkes Bay

Appearance | Deep inky colour

Serve | Ambient

RS | <1g/L

Variety | Syrah

Style | Dry

Cellaring | 3-5 years

Alcohol | 13.5%

TA | 5.7

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.

