



The Wine Thief Series

SACRED HILL

HAWKES BAY

SYRAH

2006

Tasting Notes

Lifted aromas of black pepper, vanilla, violets and ripe red berries. Very rich soft texture and full palate with fine and supple balanced tannins. Complex and mouthfilling wine with excellent varietal concentration and finesse.

Vintage Summary

A Warm Summer was followed by excellent autumn conditions. Fruit was harvested in pristine condition.

Vinification

Hand plunged in small open fermentors with an indigenous yeast ferment. Carefully and gently pressed to barrel for 12 months elevage in French oak.

Viticultural Detail

Crop thinned vines were hand leaf plucked and harvested.

Winemaker | Tony Bish

Region | Hawkes Bay

Appearance | Dense purple colour

Serve | Ambient

RS | >1 g/L

Variety | Syrah

Style | Dry

Cellaring | 3-5 years

Alcohol | 13.5%

pH | 3.74

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.

