



## *The Wine Thief Series*

### SACRED HILL

HAWKE'S BAY

CHARDONNAY

2007

#### *Tasting Notes*

Enticingly complex aromas of marmalade, nutty nougat characters mingling with citrus blossom. Rich and seamless on the palate with a silky fine texture, sweet citrus flavours and rich full depth. The wine finishes very long with citrus and nougat characters.

#### *Vintage Summary*

A fabulous Indian summer led to a stunning Hawke's Bay vintage. Overall, physiological maturity was achieved in all varieties, yields were good, and flavours are intense. Time will tell the standout wines of this vintage, however the defining attribute of 2007 is the overall high quality.

#### *Vinification*

Whole bunch pressed and fermented in new and one year old French oak with battonage and partial malolactic fermentation. Aged 12 months in barrel.

*Winemaker* | Tony Bish

*Region* | Hawke's Bay

*Appearance* | Pale straw

*Serve* | Lightly Chilled

*RS* | 3.63 g/L

*pH* | 3.44

*Variety* | Chardonnay

*Style* | Dry full bodied oaked chardonnay

*Cellaring* | 3-5 years

*Alcohol* | 13.5%

*TA* | 5.9 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.*

