

# SACRED HILL



BROKENSTONE

MERLOT

2002



*Sacred Hill - Special Selection Range*

## VARIETY

92% Merlot, 5.8% Malbec, 2.2% Cabernet Franc.

## REGION

Gimblett Gravels, Hawkes Bay.

## STYLE

Full-bodied Bordeaux style red.

## VINTAGE

A warm summer was followed by a hot dry autumn, allowing grapes to fully mature. Conditions were excellent.

## VINIFICATION

Hand picked grapes were gently crushed to small open fermentors. Hand plunged during ferment. Extended time on skins before pressing. Using traditional Bordeaux Red winemaking techniques, Malolactic fermentation in new French oak, and elevage in barrel for 20 months. We were able to fully express the vineyards unique character.

## APPEARANCE

Deep inky purple.

## BOUQUET

A truly powerful and complex wine Brokenstone shows layered aromas of black olives, ripe Black Doris Plum, prune, liquorice and spice, with an underlying cigar box note.

## PALATE

Dense concentrated palate with layers of flavours from earthy liquorice gamey characters to black plum, black olive and ripe berry characters. Huge structure with very supple tannins.

## CELLARING

Long term. 10-15 years.

## SERVE

16-18°C

## FOOD ACCOMPANIMENTS

Venison, Peking Duck, Japanese seared Beef.

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Winemaker	Tony Bish
Alcohol	14.0%
Sugar	Dry
TA	6.0 g/l
pH	3.6
Bottle Size	750ml
RRP	\$45.00