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Trinity Hill Homage Syrah makes James Suckling's Top 100 wines of the world for 2014

Trinity Hill Winery from the Gimblett Gravels area of Hawkes Bay has accomplished a significant achievement with a ranking of 11th in James Suckling's Annual Top 100 wines of the year.

James Suckling is an influential US wine critic with three decades of experience as a wine journalist. His website JamesSuckling.com focuses on reviewing many of the best wines of the world through videos in vineyards and cellars with winemakers, vintners, and owners. To achieve this he and his team taste through over ten thousand wines each year using the 100-point scale. If a wine is rated 96 points or more (A+), he views it as a "must buy". From these thousands of wines he selects his Top 100 wines of the year. The position of these wines in the Top 100 is based primarily on their ratings. Suckling considers all wines that have scored 96 points or more during the past year, and have at least 6,000 bottles in production.

In addition to placing 11th the 2010 Trinity Hill Homage received 98 points and the following commentary: ***"The wine by which all other top-tier New Zealand syrah wines have always been judged, this has impressive depth and ripeness, tapping into a spectrum of concentrated dark and red fruits more deeply and more profoundly than most."***

Trinity Hill is delighted with this recognition for their iconic wine particularly as they will be launching the wine in the US at the start of 2015. Warren Gibson, Chief Winemaker comments " we make Homage only in the years that allow us to illustrate the absolute best potential of Syrah in the Hawkes Bay. The whole team works extremely hard to maximise this quality and we are proud that this is being recognised."

Suckling notes on his website that "I ordered the wines according to what I thought were the most exciting; the ones with the wow factor"

For a full list of the Top 100 wines see www.jamessuckling.com

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