



TRINITY HILL

2004 Homage Gimblett Gravels Hawkes Bay Syrah

Vineyards: Trinity Hill owned Gimblett Estate and Gimblett Stones vineyards - they are situated in the Gimblett Gravels sub-region of Hawkes Bay.

Soils consist of deep river shingle, deposited by the Ngaruroro River over the ages as it changed course, with exposed grey stones which absorb and re-radiate heat.

Variety: Syrah approx. 96% (mass selected NZ clone, plus small proportions of Rhone clones 174, 383 and 470), Viognier approx. 4% (Rhone clone 642).

Harvest Detail: 100% hand picked
Picked 13-21/4/04
Brix 23.6-25.5 o
Total acidity 7.2-8.0g/l
pH 3.39-3.56

Bottling Detail:
14.0 % alcohol
6.1 g/l acidity
3.74 pH

Winemaking: The handpicked grapes were gently destemmed and lightly crushed to leave a large portion of uncrushed berries. Fermentation took place in an open top stainless steel fermenter and the cap was hand plunged four times daily for optimum color and tannin extraction. A short post-fermentation maceration helped complex the tannins, softening and stabilising the wine.

The wine was subsequently aged in predominantly new French oak barriques, with malolactic fermentation taking place in tank before going to barrel.

Regular racking for clarification took place during aging in barrel.

The wine was blended after 20 months oak aging and bottled in December 2005.

Most of the fruit came from vines planted in 1994. The fruit was thinned to give a crop level of around 1 tonne per acre (approx 18 Hectolitres per Hectare).

Rrp NZ\$120/bottle