

Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels,  
**Gimblett Gravels Syrah 2018**  
Gimblett Gravels, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand



Grape Varieties	<b>100% Syrah</b>
Winemaker	<b>Warren Gibson</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>12.5%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>0.16g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>5.4g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.93</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>150cl</b>
Notes	<b>Vegetarian, Vegan</b>

## PRODUCER

Founded in 1993, Trinity Hill has become a byword for quality and consistency in Hawkes Bay. Having recognised the outstanding potential of the Gimblett Gravels soils, Trinity Hill became one of the region's early pioneers, planting vines on a barren plot which continues to produce exceptional wines today. Winemaker Warren Gibson, who has been with Trinity Hill since 1997, is also in charge of the 80 hectares of vineyard owned by Trinity Hill and knows Hawkes Bay and the Gimblett Gravels exceptionally well. The wines reflect this. Warren and his team make wines that show the best of what Hawkes Bay and the Gimblett Gravels can produce. The wines have an elegance, balance, drinkability and precision of flavour that makes them a joy to drink.

## VINEYARDS

This wine is made from estate-grown grapes from the Tin Shed and Gimblett Stones vineyards. The Gimblett Gravels sub-region is known for its deep, free draining gravel soils in a unique microclimate. Soils were deposited by the Ngaruroro River as it changed course over many thousands of years. Their low fertility and excellent drainage give small crops of grapes with highly concentrated flavours and aromas.

## VINTAGE

The vintage started with a frost-free spring and proceeded to a warm and relatively dry summer, which led to a very hot January and February. A large amount of rain fell in March (100 millimetres), resulting in an early harvest to avoid damage from humidity.

## VINIFICATION

Grapes were hand harvested and fermented in separate batches before blending. A range of maceration periods were used to increase complexity. 25% whole bunches were included in the ferments, contributing to freshness, aromatics and structure. A very small percentage of viognier skins were included in some batches, further adding texture. The wine was aged for 14 months in a mixture of new and older French oak 228 litre barriques and 5,000 litre oak ovals. This barrel ageing regime, more typically used in the making of Pinot Noir, includes lees stirring and very minimal racking.

## TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Syrah has a deep and youthful vibrant crimson colour. Wild raspberry, blueberry, cracked pepper and hints of vanilla bean on the nose. Powerful and balanced ripe tannins give the wine great savoury structure. Oak plays a supporting role; the wine leads with a pure fruit expression. This purity, combined with refreshing natural acidity, make for excellent ageing potential.

## AWARDS

Decanter World Wine Awards 2020, Silver  
International Wine Challenge 2020, Silver  
Sommelier Wine Awards 2020, Gold