Trinity Hill Hawkes Bay,

Hawkes Bay Syrah 2019

Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Grape Varieties	**100% Syrah**
Winemaker	**Damian Fischer**
Closure	**Screwcap**
ABV	**13.5%**
Residual Sugar	**2.05g/L**
Acidity	**6.4g/L**
Wine pH	**3.71**
Bottle Sizes	**75cl**

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

The Syrah grapes were taken from a range of vineyards, including the company owned properties in the Gimblett Gravels region and contracted fruit from the Bridge Pa Triangle. The soils are free draining with low fertility and the vines benefit from prevailing hot, dry westerly winds.

VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was an outstanding one in the Hawkes Bay. Summer saw long, hot, sunny days with relatively cool nights, ideal conditions for ripening and preserving natural acidity. The weather through harvest was settled with little rain providing no pressure on picking decisions.

VINIFICATION

Each individual vineyard parcel was harvested separately with the majority of batches then destemmed prior to fermentation. Gentle daily pumping over of the skins during fermentation helped extract a soft, complex structure. The skin maceration was extended for up to three weeks following fermentation to further integrate and soften the tannins. Following eight months of maturation in a combination of used French oak barriques and stainless steel tanks, the individual blocks were blended to create the ideal marriage of components.

TASTING NOTES

This Syrah has intense aromas of wild raspberries, blackberry, liquorice and hints of pepper, which combine to produce a complex, fruit-dominant wine. The wine is deliberately released at a very youthful age to maximise the beautiful perfume and fruit freshness.