

Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels,
Gimblett Gravels Tempranillo 2020
Gimblett Gravels, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand



Grape Varieties	100% Tempranillo
Winemaker	Simon Fell
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	0.39g/L
Acidity	5.9g/L
Wine pH	3.89
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

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 Tempranillo grapes for this wine come from the estate-owned Gimblett Stones and Gimblett Estate vineyards which benefit from deep, free draining gravel soils in the microclimate of the Gimblett Gravels region. The 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

2020 was a superb vintage in Hawkes Bay. Spring was warm with frequent rainfall, which prompted an early budburst. Summer was favourably warm and dry. The 2020 harvest produced delicious, fruit-forward wines with excellent balance.

VINIFICATION

The hand-harvested grapes were de-stemmed, but not crushed, before being transferred to open top stainless steel fermenters to undergo daily plunging. After fermentation, the wine was given an extended period on skins to assist with the texture and complexity of the tannins. The wine was then transferred to a combination of new (58%) and one-year-old French, and two-year old American, 225-litre barriques for 14 months maturation before being blended and bottled in June and July 2021 respectively.

TASTING NOTES

This Tempranillo shows attractive ripe bramble and blackberry fruit along with spicy complexity. The palate is rich and textural with beautifully soft tannins. Liquorice, chocolate and vanilla flavours linger on the finish.