



Grape Varieties	52% Merlot
	45% Cabernet Sauvignon
	2% Cabernet Franc
	1% Petit Verdot

Winemaker	Warren Gibson
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14%
Acidity	5.6g/L
Wine pH	3.76
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 grapes are sourced from vineyards predominantly in the Gimblett Gravels region of Hawkes Bay. The soils are deep river gravels, left by the Ngaruroro River as it changed course over many thousands of years. These free-draining gravels can be more than 100 metres deep. Their low fertility, along with the ability to control vine vigour by controlling soil moisture, give small crops with highly concentrated flavours and aromas.

VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage had ideal conditions with weather leading up to the harvest typical of a classic Hawkes Bay summer – long hot sunny days with moderately cool nights. As autumn arrived the season became cooler, yet remained dry, providing ideal ripening conditions while preserving natural acidity.

VINIFICATION

Individual vineyard blocks were harvested separately and then gently destemmed prior to fermentation. Subsequently, gentle daily pumping over of the skins during fermentation helped extract a soft yet complex tannin structure. Following fermentation, the skin maceration was extended for up to four weeks to further integrate and soften the tannins. The parcels spent 15 months ageing in a combination of small French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks, before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has perfumed aromas of leather and plums derived from the Merlot, with hints of spice and red fruit characters from the Cabernets. The palate is rich and supple, with ripe tannins and an elegant finish.