



## 2005 HAWKES BAY SYRAH

### Winemakers Notes

This is the first crop from our new Syrah vineyard in Hawkes Bay. The vineyard is planted on a north facing hillside that is so steep that it has to be worked with a crawler rather than a tractor! The 2005 fruit was in pristine condition and was hand-picked and transported to Auckland in a refrigerated truck. The fruit was crushed to two small fermenters for a four week maceration and fermentation. The wines were then pressed to oak for eleven months aging. During this time it received one racking to aid clarification and colour stability. The wine was bottled on 03/05/06.

### Analysis

**Alc** 13.5%      **Acid** 5.0g/L      **Res Sugar** Nil      **pH** 3.67

### Tasting Notes

**Colour:** This is a strongly coloured wine with a deep core and purple hints at the rim.  
**Bouquet:** A delightful melange of black fruits, black pepper, meatiness and spicy oak.  
**Palate:** This is a medium to full bodied wine. The tannin structure is superb gives the wine great balance and drinkability.

### Cellaring

Given how fine grained the tannins are in this wine, it looks as though it will be immediately approachable and wine cellar happy into the medium term.

### Food Matches

The soft tannins, ripe fruit flavours, black pepper and spice make this wine a great accompaniment to many meat dishes such as lamb, venison, beef and game. The bolder and more complex style means that it will stand up to richer flavours and accompaniments.

### Suggested Wine List Description

A rich and full-bodied wine full of jammy fruit with lashings of black pepper and a long savoury finish.

### Awards

**Four Stars Best Buy** - Cuisine Oct 2006

**Bronze** - Liquorland TOP100 2006

**Bronze** - Bragato Wine Awards 2006

**Bronze - NZ International Wine Show 2006**

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