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GREAT DIRT COLLECTION

HILLSIDE 2019

SYRAH

BAY VIEW, HAWKES BAY

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

At the summit of "The Terraces" vineyard lies a limestone plateau, subdivided into four small plots of Syrah, totalling 1.1 hectares. Gently sloping to the north this is a warm site, but moderated by the sea breeze from the Pacific Ocean which lies 1 kilometre to the east. Once the home of Heipipi Pa, this vineyard offers incredible views of northern Hawkes Bay and with its limestone and shell base produces a unique wine. Planted in 2007, with the Limmer Clone the dry farmed vines are cane pruned and intensively managed to produce wine of exceptional quality.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand picked and fermented as a mix of whole cluster bunches and de-stemmed fruit in a single concrete fermenter. Indigenous yeasts were utilised for fermentation and once complete the wine was pressed to large format oak barrels for maturation. The wine was blended in December 2020 and bottled unfiltered in March 2021.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

This is a complex and intriguing wine. Aromas of rose petal, red berries and grilled meats are compelling. The wine is round and mouthfilling with a red fruited profile, but a firm tannic backbone provides complexity and length. Raised in old large format barrels the wine has little oak flavour, instead showcasing the beauty of its unique site.

IDEAL DRINKING

2021 - 2035

TECHNICAL DETAILS

REGION: Bay View Hawkes Bay

VARIETIES: Syrah

OAK USE: 18-20 months in large format french oak barrels.

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH: 3.83

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.85g/l

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <1g/l

Suitable for gluten free diets. Decanting of this wine is recommended as the winemaking techniques used may produce a natural deposit. www.eskvalley.co.nz

