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GREAT DIRT COLLECTION

HILLSIDE 2021

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 on April 1st 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 after a period of post ferment maceration the wine was pressed to large format oak barrels for maturation. After 20 months maturation a blend was made from selected barrels and the wine bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in March 2023.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

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

IDEAL DRINKING

2023 – 2035+

TECHNICAL DETAILS

REGION: Bay View, Hawkes Bay

VARIETIES: Syrah 100%

OAK USE: 20 months in large format French oak. 24% new

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

PH: 3.85

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.40g/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

