



2018 Elephant Hill Syrah

Established in 2003, Elephant Hill is located within a stone's throw of the Pacific Ocean on the idyllic Te Awanga coast of Hawke's Bay on New Zealand's North Island.

The winemaking at Elephant Hill is driven by tradition while not losing sight of what innovation can bring to the blend. Our aim is to make wines that are balanced, elegant and a true expression of the vineyards they come from.

Vintage Overview

"The best Vintage on record?" A big claim and one we hear perhaps very often in some parts of the industry, but for the vineyards at Elephant Hill the 2018 Vintage has produced the best of all possible outcomes. Not only we have met our yield target (98.5%), but more importantly, we have produced the flavour profiles that are required to produce superior Reserve and Icon quality wines.

Winemaking

The 2018 Syrah is made with grapes from our three Hawke's Bay vineyards. 99% Syrah co-fermented with 1% of Viognier from Te Awanga. All the grapes were gently de-stemmed, pressed and aged for 18 months in 25% new French oak.

Tasting Note

The 2018 Syrah has expressive aromas of ripe plum, dark berry fruit, subtle pepper note and floral details. Medium bodied with great fruit flavours, smooth tannins and long lingering finish. It is a classic Elephant Hill Syrah.

Review

"With aromas of ripe black currant and red pepper corn, wild berry compote, pepper and sweet meats the bouquet is fresh, youthful, varietal and enticing. On the palate - flavours of dark berries and toasty oak, pepper and baking spices, currants, some ageing meats and earthy tones of dry rock. Medium tannins and plenty of acidity add texture and bite with the core of fruit adding weight, length and finish. A polished expression." -Cameron Douglas MS, 93 points

Technical Data

Vineyard

46% Te Awanga
47% Bridge Pa Triangle
7% Gimblett Gravels

Clone

Mass Selection, 470, 877, Chave

Wine

Alcohol Content: 12.9%
Residual Sugar: <1 g/L



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