

Trelinnoe Vineyard

Hawke's Bay

Syrah

2020



bi'lancia Italian (be-larn-cha) balance, harmony and equilibrium; the scales, of the zodiac (libra)

A single vineyard Syrah from Trelinnoe (tree-lin-o) Vineyard on Roys Hill named for the owner's historical ties to Cornwall.

Trelinnoe Vineyard Syrah is a part of our project to highlight some of the most unique, small, single vineyards in Hawke's Bay.

This upper Roys Hill, north facing hillside vineyard is sandstone over limestone and is planted with the Mass Selection (MS) clone of Syrah.

The fruit was 100% hand-picked. It was destemmed and crushed to the fermentation vessel with around 20% of the fruit included as whole bunches. During fermentation the tank was gently pumped over once a day. The wine was pressed at dryness and then transferred to older oak post malolactic fermentation. The 2020 Trelinnoe Syrah was bottled in February 2023, having spent almost three years in oak.

2020 was a spectacular vintage for Hawke's Bay and this Syrah shows the beauty of that vintage. Ripe, full fruit and complexity with little influence from oak, showing Hawke's Bay spice and dark fruits. Despite it's proximity to the *la collina* vineyard this wine exhibits a very different tannin structure and is more brooding in its youth.



(The front label is a stylised representation of the aerial view of the vineyard).

This wine is ready to drink on release and will continue to develop positively for 10—15 years.

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