

# TRINITY HILL

## Gimblett Gravels Syrah 2006

### Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

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<b>Winery Principals</b>	John Hancock, Robert & Robyn Wilson, Trevor & Hanne Janes
<b>Winemakers</b>	Warren Gibson & Liam McElhinney
<b>Wine Specifications</b>	
Cases imported	200
Alcohol	13.5 %
T/A	0.65 g/100ml
pH	3.65
Residual Sugar	.2 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	22.6 - 24.8
Cellaring	Up to 20 years
Harvest Dates	March 22 - April 4, 2006

#### Vineyards

##### Location

Gimblett Estate and Gimblett Stones in Gimblett Gravels.

##### Soils

Deep river gravel and alluvial silt.

##### Vines

4- to 12-year-old vines; conventional vineyard practices moving toward sustainable (accreditation pending). Crop: 3 tons per acre.

#### Vintage

A very warm, dry summer was followed by a period of rain toward the end of March.

#### Vinification

Hand-harvested, destemmed and lightly crushed with a small addition of Viognier fruit. Natural and cultured yeasts were utilized for the concurrent primary and malolactic fermentations. A mixture of pumping over and punch downs were carried out during fermentation. After a short period of post-fermentation maceration, the wine was gently pressed to French oak barrels.

#### Winemaker's Notes

##### Overall Impression

Ripe, concentrated, seductive.

##### Bouquet

Spicy black pepper, bright raspberry and blueberry.

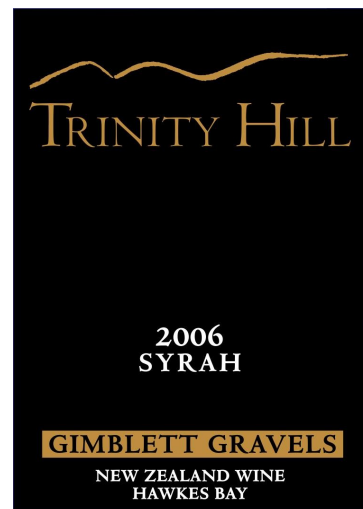
##### Palate

Concentrated red fruit, pepper, spicy meat.

##### Serving Suggestions

Complements a wide range of cuisine, including aged, cured meats and savory winter meals.

SRP US\$33.00



#### 93 points (Outstanding)

The magnificent Gimblett Gravels Syrah shone out amongst its peers. It displays a more open-knit, well-defined, leathery nose with a vibrant white pepper component. The palate is medium-to-full-bodied with firm but fine tannins, very harmonious and focused with blackberry, white pepper, plum and leather. Very good persistency towards the finish with a beguiling sense of natural elegance. Trinity Hill is one of Hawkes Bay's outstanding producers and one of the country's finest proponents of Syrah. With two 20-hectare holdings in the Gimblett Gravels, chief winemaker and "bluesman" John Hancock along with Warren Gibson and Michael Bell are fashioning dense, powerful yet supremely well-balanced wines that rank amongst the best wines New Zealand produces and come highly recommended.

*eRobertParker.com, May 2008*

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