

TRINITY HILL  
Homage Syrah 2006  
Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

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**Winery Principals** John Hancock, Robert & Robyn Wilson,  
Trevor & Hanne Janes

**Winemakers** Warren Gibson & Liam McElhinney

**Wine Specifications**

Cases imported	30
Alcohol	14.3 %
T/A	0.57 g/100ml
pH	3.78
Residual Sugar	<.01 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	24.0 - 25.4
Cellaring	Up to 20 years

**Vineyards**

**Location**

Gimblett Estate in Gimblett Gravels.

**Soils**

Deep river gravels and alluvial silt.

**Vines**

12-year-old vines; conventional vineyard practices moving toward sustainable (accreditation pending). Crop: 1 ton per acre.

**Vintage**

2006 was an outstanding season in the Gimblett Gravels. A hot, dry summer was followed by a mostly dry, warm autumn.

**Vinification**

Hand-harvested and hand-sorted before gentle destemming and minimal crushing into small open-top fermenters, with the addition of 4% Viognier fruit. Minimal winemaking intervention required with gentle hand plunging up to four times a day. Natural yeasts utilized for primary fermentation, with concurrent malolactic fermentation. After a short maceration, wine was drained to French oak barrels for 18 months of aging, with malolactic fermentation taking place in barrel.

**Winemaker's Notes**

**Overall Impression**

Elegant, complex, seductive.

**Bouquet**

Sexy mocha, licorice, and red berry.

**Palate**

Plum, blackberry, cherry, and cassis.

**Serving Suggestions**

This stunning wine demands foods of equal intensity and richness. Hearty red meat dishes are an ideal match.

SRP \$125.00



**Champion Wine of Show  
& Champion Syrah**  
*Air NZ Wine Awards 2007*

**95 points**

"The awesome 2006 Homage Syrah has a truly wonderful, exuberant nose with pure blackberry, white pepper, a touch of leather and briar. Superb definition. The palate is medium-bodied, beautifully balanced, feminine, touches of white pepper, hedgerow and briery. As much finesse as a Romanee-Saint-Vivant with its silky smooth finish. Brilliant."

*RobertParker.com, May 2008*

**5 STARS**

"The Big Kahuna, every way you look at it. John Hancock's superstar Syrah fills a large canvas with panache, power and varietal purity. One of the 'most lush, balanced and softest mouthfuls' in the line-up, said Ralph Kyte-Powell. A rich, silkily textured treat."

*Cuisine, July 2008*