



## 2018 Elephant Hill Reserve Syrah

Established in 2003, Elephant Hill 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.

### 2018 VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage will be remembered as one which was consistently warmer day to day than previous years. It was not that temperatures were necessarily higher, it was more a sense of milder conditions overall throughout the season, rather than the suffering extremes.

The result was much earlier vine growth and seasonal development which produced excellent high-quality fruit.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Made with 100 % Syrah grapes from our three vineyard sites each which contributes their unique characters to the wine:

48% Stone (Gimblett Gravels) – structure, mineral & intense

40% Earth (Bridge Pa Triangle) – fleshy, round & generous

12% Sea (Te Awanga) – aromatic, fresh & elegant

Small batch ferments of the separate parcels in open top oak cives and stainless open top fermenters. Hand plunged, then aged for 24 months in 35% new French oak, before blending and bottling.

### REVIEWS

96 points Cameron Douglas MS

96 points Candice Chow (Raymond Chan Wine Reviews)

95 points Sam Kim (Wine Orbit)

93 points Bob Campbell MW

Gorgeously ripe and enticing, the bouquet shows dark plum, sweet cherry, vanilla, hazelnut, and smoked game notes, leading to a wonderfully silky palate that's ripe and plump. It's beautifully layered with fine texture and delectable flavours, offering refinement and excellent drinkability. (Sam Kim)

### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol Content: 13.2%

Residual Sugar: <1g/L

TA: 4.4 g/L

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