

la collina

SYRAH

2019

la collina - (Italian) the hill

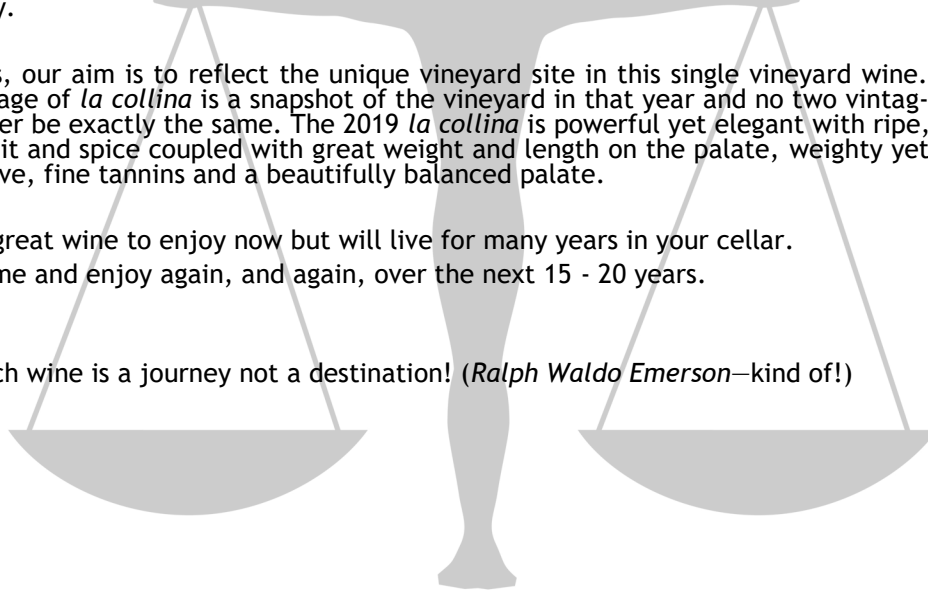
The *la collina* vineyard is a steep, terraced and incline planted hillside vineyard on the North/Northwest facing slopes of Roys Hill, west of Hastings, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. The hillside is protected from the cooling effects of the southerly winds and during the growing season the vineyard is bathed in sunshine. The hillside terraces are planted to Syrah (and a few other interesting Varieties) whilst the lower slopes and Gravels flat are planted to Chardonnay and Viognier/Marsanne/Roussanne.

2019 begins the run of amazing vintages for Hawke's Bay. The 2019 growing season in Hawke's Bay was ideal in almost every way. Good rainfall in Spring provided the vines with plenty of water at the right time then January and February were warm and dry, ideal conditions for ripening grapes. As we got closer to harvest there was minimal rainfall and no disease pressure and the grapes were able to ripen perfectly; picking decisions were easy.

As always, our aim is to reflect the unique vineyard site in this single vineyard wine. Each vintage of *la collina* is a snapshot of the vineyard in that year and no two vintages will ever be exactly the same. The 2019 *la collina* is powerful yet elegant with ripe, bright fruit and spice coupled with great weight and length on the palate, weighty yet unobtrusive, fine tannins and a beautifully balanced palate.

This is a great wine to enjoy now but will live for many years in your cellar. Cellar some and enjoy again, and again, over the next 15 - 20 years.

Each wine is a journey not a destination! (Ralph Waldo Emerson—kind of!)



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