

# la collina

## VIOGNIER

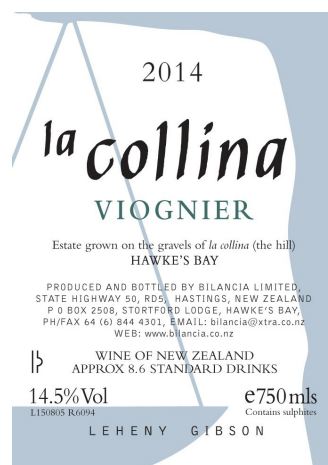
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The *la collina* vineyard is a steep, terraced and incline planted hillside vineyard on the North/Northwest facing slopes of Roys Hill, west of Hastings, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. The hillside is protected from the cooling effects of the southerly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

2014 *la collina* Viognier is predominantly Viognier but it does include a small amount of Chardonnay. The fruit was hand-picked and whole bunch pressed straight to barrel with no settling. There was no yeast inoculation but rather fermentation by indigenous yeasts in very old barrels. The wine remained in the barrels on lees until removal for bottling.

The 2014 *la collina* Viognier has the traditional floral aromatics of Viognier, hints of Jasmine and citrus blossom. The rich, lush, full palate is held together with the spine of Chardonnay giving it a tighter line through the middle.

This wine is drinking well now and will continue to develop over the next four to six years.



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