

BILANCIA LA COLLINA SYRAH 2024

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Product Code:	31590	Closure:	Screw Cap
Country:	New Zealand	Unit:	Each
Region:	Hawkes Bay	Volume:	750ml
Style:	Red	Alcohol:	13.0%
Variety:	Syrah / Shiraz	Grape:	100% Syrah

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TASTING NOTES

Triple 98 points. Global praise. Historic quality.

The 2024 La Collina Syrah is not simply an outstanding Hawke’s Bay release. It is being hailed as truly great in a global Syrah context and stands among the finest wines ever produced in New Zealand.

From a tiny, low yielding vintage and crafted with 100% whole bunch fermentation, it reveals soaring aromatics of damson plum, blood orange, cracked black pepper and exotic spice, layered with crushed rock minerality and carried by seamless, velvety tannins.

Thrilling to drink now and built to cellar for 15 to 20 years. **Rare. Collectable. A defining New Zealand Syrah.**

If you want to own one of New Zealand’s modern classics, now is the time. Secure your bottles before they are gone.

Winery notes (2024 Vintage)

"The 2024 growing season proved to be a joy after the very interesting 2023 and the fickle 2022. The only issue was the low crop levels. The fruit was hand harvested in perfect condition and this allowed for 100% whole bunch fermentation. The wine

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was fermented in open top fermentation vessels, pressed at dryness and transferred to barriques for élevage.

The aim is to produce a wine that shows the excitement of Hawke's Bay hillside Syrah. The 2024 la collina is a great example of this; spice, brambly and berry fruits with structure, length, velvety tannins and drinkability but still with the ability to age.

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."

98+/100 Erin Larkin, RobertParker.com, Wine Advocate, June 2025 (2024 Vintage)

"This is the first wine released since 2021. The 2024 La Collina Syrah is 100% whole-bunch fruit, which is dependent on the year, but this 2024 season was well suited to it. Aromatically, there's raw cocoa, fresh blood, pomegranate molasses, star anise, freshly mowed fennel, crushed rocks, licorice, lavender, raspberry and black tea, with pastrami and hung deli meat lace the edges. Gosh, I love this wine. On the medium-bodied palate, the wine is shaped by ductile, chalky tannins, which serve to enhance the perception of fruit and spice, and these tannins drag out the flavour through the long finish. **This is a spectacular wine. It's truly great, and not just in a Hawke's Bay context, nor merely a New Zealand context, but truly great in a global Syrah context.** This is a superb example. I love it. 13.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.

This terraced place is as beautiful as it tastes in the glass, which brings forth rose petals, asphalt, petrichor, a crack of minerality and ozone. And the wine will only get better as it gains bottle-aged complexity. If the fruit isn't suitable for La Collina, it's not even declassified; it's just not picked. I like the severity and purity of that call."

98/100 Dave Brookes, James Halliday's Wine Companion (2024 Vintage)

"Warren Gibson and Lorraine Leheny are two of my favourite folks in the NZ wine industry. They also happen to make my favourite wine from their epic, impeccably farmed, terraced vineyard called La Collina, which overlooks the Gimblett Gravels. There is 100% whole-bunch fruit in the '24 vintage, and the wine is singing. Damson plum, dark cherry, cocoa nibs, dried blood orange, citrus blossom, fennel tops, dried meats, cold tea, souk-like spice and more distant tones of crushed rock, graphite and black pepper. Perfectly weighted, with impeccable balance and flow. Mid-weighted, with stunning fruit and kinetic, powdery tannins that show elasticity, like peering back at your footprints on wet sand and watching them slowly disappear. **It is just wonderful. Bravo.**"

98/100 JamesSuckling.com, October 2025 (2024 Vintage)

"Beautifully perfumed nose of freshly ground black pepper, cured meat, blue flowers, blood oranges, cherries and crushed stones. The impressive complexity and tension on the palate come with elegance and ease, unfolding with crushed berries, paprika, orange peel and savoury, mineral nuances. Very energetic and dynamic. Drink or hold."

97/100 Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, February 2026 (2024 Vintage)

"Black cherry, raspberry, meaty and spicy, liquorice, dried flowers and herbs, and jasmine (or 'sniffy' as we call it). It's medium-bodied, the tannin is all crushed rock and while they are firm, there's almost a sweetness to them, acidity is juicy with a sour cherry bite and also quite 'mineral'. It's distinctly savoury and meaty, a smoky bacon thing happening, no shortage of mouth-perfume, jasmine or similar, and the finish is dense and very long, again packed with a chamois-like grip to tannin and a little blood orange bite. It's pretty tight as at now, so I'd give it a few years to unpack. It's quite a wine."

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