

# NINE STONES

*Hilltops*

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**Vineyard & Region** From the Kingsvale section of the Hilltops Region, southeast of the town of Young situated in the highlands of southern New South Wales. A cool climate growing region at an altitude of 1,700 feet. Soils are moderately fertile, being free-draining decomposed granite, with large boulders occurring throughout.

**Color** Bright youthful purples and dark red.

**Bouquet** An intensely aromatic wine full of exotic chocolate, minty, black cherry characters, with some white pepper overlaid with subtle oak character.

**Palate** Very sweet fruit with fine grained tannins persistent, which is a hallmark of this vineyard; excellent fleshy middle palate and a long supple and satisfying finish.

**Winemakers Comment:** Machine harvested fruit was crushed and destemmed. Fermentation was in 20 ton capacity rotary fermenters for 7 days, with frequent pump over. Following fermentation the pressings were added back to the free-run. Post fermentation part of the wine was given American oak Instave treatment and a further portion was stored in 3 year old French barriques.

**Winemakers ::** Bill Calabria, Emma Norbiato & Jeremy Nascimben

**Serving suggestion:** An ideal food wine. Serve with red meat or Italian pizza.

**Characteristics:** Full Bodied

**Alcohol Volume:** 14%

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