



# Elephant Hill



## Elephant Hill Estate & Winery Wins Two Awards

Gisborne Hawke's Bay Architecture Awards for Elephant Hill Estate & Winery and Elepahnt Hill Lodge

Elephant Hill Estate & Winery has won two prestigious awards at the 2009 Gisborne Hawke's Bay NZIA Architecture Awards.

"Winning in two categories for commercial architecture for Elephant Hill Estate & Winery and for our Elephant Hill Lodge property for residential architecture is an outstanding achievement. These awards are a testament to the vision and commitment of our owners, architect John Blair and the team of people associated with the design and building of Elephant Hill," said Günter Thies, Managing Director.

A collective passion for innovative design, respect for the environment and the property's coastal location impressed the judging panel who concluded:

The scale of the lodge and its urbane design sit comfortably within the rural setting. Detailing is elegantly expressed and the construction and fit-out are of the highest standard.

Surrounded by vineyard, this new winery unites all its principal functions within a main pavilion that captures views of the ocean views and Cape Kidnappers. A contemporary European design approach is expressed in pre-weathered copper exterior cladding that takes its cure for the ocean and dominant horizontal lines that allude to the rows of vines.

"Our desire has always been to build a destination and create facilities of the highest world class technical and artistic caliber. These two characteristics (technic and artistic) are the essence of growing grapes, and creating wine," said John Blair.

Elephant Hill is a producer of premium Hawke's Bay wine. Located on the Te Awanga coast, the vineyard enjoys a temperate dry climate and extended growing season. Cooled by afternoon sea breezes, the shingle vineyard allows wines to be grown that display wonderful fruit purity and elegance.

With its effortless contemporary style, expansive terrace and sunken lounge and a menu inspired by European cuisine and delicious fresh seasonal produce, Elephant Hill restaurant has an established reputation as a superb dining experience with captivating views of Cape Kidnappers and the Pacific Ocean.

Accepting the awards for Elephant Hill was Managing Director, Günter Thies and Architect, John Blair from Blair & Co Ltd.

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# Gisborne Hawke's Bay Architecture Award

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CATEGORY Commercial Architecture

FOR Elephant Hill Estate & Winery

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# Gisborne Hawke's Bay Architecture Award

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**CATEGORY** Residential Architecture - Houses

**FOR** Elephant Hill Lodge

The New Zealand base of Elephant Hill's owners adds further refinement and sophistication to the architectural language of the main winery pavilion. The building's U-shape design creates a private courtyard that shelters the garden and swimming pool from stiff sea breezes.

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