



ROD McDONALD WINES

ONE OFF

2014 Chardonnay

Hawke's Bay

VINEYARD

Our vineyards at Maraekakaho and Bridge Pa have produced Chardonnay consistently showing an excellent balance of acidity, sugar and flavour. We chose areas that had the highest malic acid content due to soil profile and leaf cover. We've used both clone 15 and 95 blocks for this One Off, to ensure the fruit had enough weight to handle the double malo and punchy oak.

WINERY

Beautiful golden ripe grapes were pressed and the unsettled juice run straight to 225 litre barriques. The wild ferment took a while to get underway, however once it did it fermented hot and fast. Pretty close to 50% of the barrels took off for a natural malo in spring and we used a special strain to get the others going. The wine then gained weight and swagger while resting on gross lees for around ten months before it was bottled.

TASTE

Toast, peach and butterscotch characters on the nose with lemon curd, vanilla caramel flavours on the palate.

Alcohol: 13.3 %

Standard Drinks: 7.9

Allergens: Contains Sulphites. Traditional fining using milk products, traces may remain.



Rod McDonald, Proprietor & Winemaker

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