



ROD McDONALD WINES

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The Banger

Hawke's Bay 2016

With the muscle of Cabernet Sauvignon and the sweet florals of Syrah, The Banger is a nod to the classic Aussie Cabernet Shiraz, which is based on the ancient...and slightly dodgy...French practice of sneaking wine across regional borders to improve wine quality in lesser years.

VINEYARD

The Cabernet Sauvignon came from our vineyard on the terraces at Mararekakaho and the Syrah a little further down river from the red metal vineyards just west of Hastings. Yields need to be kept low and canopies well-tended with these late ripening varieties. The 2016 harvest was no picnic, with lots of work to catch these grapes in perfect condition...but this ain't our first rodeo.

WINERY

All hand harvested, we kept most of the berries whole with very little crushing into open top fermenters for gentle extraction of flavour and tannin. All the ferments were a long time on skin, up to 35 days, which has helped create the complexity, suppleness and juiciness on the palate. Twelve months in French oak barriques has developed some of the more savoury and complex flavours.

TASTE

Cassis, violet and blackberries on the nose, with a palate layered with leather, cigar box and hints of liquorice. The tannins are chalky and the wine is balanced by a bright acidity giving it drive and length. It owes its refinement and complexity to the seamless combination of two classic varieties.

Alcohol: 13.0%

Standard Drinks: 7.7 standard drinks

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



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