

TWO GATES



SYRAH

HAWKE'S BAY 2011

VINEYARD

Two Gates Vineyard is planted on classic river terraces at Maraekakaho, Hawke's Bay, chosen for their cool nights and low rainfall. Grapes grown here will continue to exhibit finesse, balance and complexity as the vines age and our organic approach builds the uniqueness of our handcrafted wines. Our Syrah is sourced from the original Two Gates vineyard situated on deep river gravels near Hastings.

WINEMAKING

Handpicked and destemmed to an open fermenter with as many whole berries as we could manage to encourage the extraction of complex flavours and aromas along with deep colour. The must was hand plunged up to 3 times daily to control extraction gently before the wine was pressed and run to barrel where it was matured for around 20 months. The final blend was lightly egg-white fined and filtered before bottling.

NOTES

Dense with purple edges, this ripe syrah smells of white pepper and thyme. The palate is full and rounded and tastes of cassis and black plum give way to an attractive savoury character. The tannins are well balanced and provide structure and length.

Alc: 14%

Std drinks: 8.3 standard drinks.

Allergens: Contains sulphites. Traditional fining using egg whites, traces may remain.



Rod McDonald, Proprietor & Winemaker
Rod McDonald Wines Limited. 52 Kirkwood Road,
Hastings, Hawke's Bay. www.rmwwines.co.nz

