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Winery Name	Wine Name	Region	100 pts	5 Stars
<b>Rod McDonald Wines</b>	<b>Quarter Acre Merlot Malbec 2013</b>	Hawke's Bay	<b>94</b>	<b>5</b>
This is awesome. A deeply coloured beauty filled with blackberry, dark plum, smoked meat and cedar aromas which lead to a concentrated palate that delivers excellent concentration and rounded mouthfeel, backed by abundance of fine, chalky tannins. Powerful yet poised and harmonious, and promises to develop magnificently. At its best: 2016 to 2023. \$35.00. Moderate availability. <a href="http://www.rmwines.co.nz">www.rmwines.co.nz</a> . Dec 2014.				
<b>Rod McDonald Wines</b>	<b>Te Awanga Syrah 2013</b>	Hawke's Bay	<b>93</b>	<b>5</b>
This gorgeous wine has instant appeal as well as potential to evolve beautifully. It's fragrant on the nose displaying black/purple fruit, game, cedar and white pepper aromas, followed by a silky and delicious palate that's richly fruited and immensely appealing. A lovely expression of the variety. At its best: now to 2020. \$28.00. Moderate availability. <a href="http://www.rmwines.co.nz">www.rmwines.co.nz</a> . Dec 2014.				
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Engaging and inviting, the perfumed bouquet shows wonderful dark fruit and game characters with a light dusting of spice and cedar. The palate is concentrated and pristine with silky texture and fabulous fruit purity, elegantly structured by fine, grainy tannins. The wine shows beautiful harmony and integration. At its best: now to 2022. \$35.00. Moderate availability. <a href="http://www.rmwines.co.nz">www.rmwines.co.nz</a> . Jan 2015.				

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## Ratings

5 Stars	100 pts	
5	96 - 100	Exceptional quality exhibiting highest level of concentration and complexity.
5	93 - 95	Outstanding quality showing varietal purity and exemplifying regional type.
4.5	89 - 92	Excellent quality showing high level of concentration and balance.
4	85 - 88	Very good quality displaying attractive flavours and good balance.
3.5	81 - 84	Good quality, easy drinking with straightforward flavours.
Not all wines tasted by Wine Orbit are published including those rated below 3 stars.		