



ROD McDONALD WINES

# Te Awanga

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## CHARDONNAY HAWKE'S BAY 2014

### VINEYARD

Premium grapes were first grown in Te Awanga at the beginning of last century. The warm coastal climate, gentle sea breezes and the shallow clay soils combine to produce award winning wines of great varietal flavour and finesse.

Autumn 2014 was warm and early, at the end of an advanced growing season. Our Chardonnay vines Mendoza and clone 15 range from 11 to 18 years old with a combination of rootstocks. The mix of clay, alluvial silts, volcanic ash and gravels make this an interesting and high quality site. The area is proven to produce grapes of great concentration and finesse.

### WINERY

A combination of machine and handpicked, gently pressed and run to new and used French oak barriques for a wild fermentation. The wine rested on lees for ten months where it underwent a full MLF in spring. It was gently stirred every couple of weeks for six months before it was blended, lightly fined and bottled in early 2015.

### TASTE

A classic, generous Hawke's Bay Chardonnay. Lemon and spicy clove aromas lead into a palate characterised by peach and toasty oak complexity. Will cellar beautifully for up to five years and with careful cellaring up to ten.

**Alc:** 13.0%

**Std drinks:** 7.7

**Allergens:** Contains Sulphites. Traditional fining using milk and fish products.



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