



ROD McDONALD WINES

Te Awanga

ESTATE

PINOT NOIR 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 Pinot Noir vines, range from 18 to 22 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

Fruit was destemmed into open and closed fermenters where the must was fermented hot with wild yeast to maximize the gentle extraction of tannin, colour and flavour. The wine spent a total of three weeks on skin to soften the wine and help create complexity and length. The wine was then aged in French oak barriques before it was blended and fined with eggwhites before bottling.

TASTE

Tobacco, violet and subtle earth characters on the nose, with vibrant dark red and plum flavours on the palate. The tannins are firm but melting and provide a supporting structure to this engaging wine.

Alc: 13.0%

Std drinks: 7.7

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



Rod McDonald, Proprietor & Winemaker

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