

TWO GATES



CHARDONNAY

HAWKE'S BAY 2012

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. This, our first Chardonnay release, was harvested from 20 year old plantings grown on our vineyard located on the coast.

WINEMAKING

Handpicked, whole-bunch pressed and run to barrel for a wild fermentation. The wine rested on gross yeast lees for 10 months where it underwent a partial MLF. It was gently stirred weekly for 6 months before it was blended, lightly fined and bottle in the winter of 2013.

NOTES

Barrel fermented and aged on lees, this handcrafted wine is a complex offering of classic Hawke's Bay Chardonnay with aromas and flavours of stonefruit, passionfruit and citrus. The palate is richly textured with toast and spicy oak complexity.

Alc: 13.3%

Std drinks: 7.87 standard drinks.

Allergens: Contains sulphites. Traditional fining using milk products, traces may remain.



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

