



ROD McDONALD WINES

# TWO GATES



## CHARDONNAY

### HAWKE'S BAY 2013

#### VINEYARD

Our 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 second Chardonnay release, was hand harvested from eight year old plantings of Clone 95 and Clone 15.

#### WINEMAKING

Handpicked, whole-bunch pressed and run to tank and barrel for a wild fermentation. The wine rested on gross yeast lees for 10 months where just over half underwent a full MLF. It was gently stirred weekly for six months before it was blended, lightly fined and bottle in the winter of 2014.

#### 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 mouthfilling butterscotch flavours along with toast and spicy oak complexity.

**Alc:** 13.5%

**Std drinks:** 8.0 standard drinks.

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



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