



ROD McDONALD WINES

Te Awanga

ESTATE

MERLOT ROSÉ 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 Merlot vines, range from 10 to 17 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

The juice for this wine is given around eight hours of skin contact to extract colour, before being pressed, settled and fermented as a white wine. The wine was aged on lees for a few months before being fined to remove some of the harder tannins, ensuring this dry Rosé was soft and mouthfilling. It was lightly filtered and bottled in spring 2014...ready for summer.

TASTE

This dry style of Rosé is made to be enjoyed day or night, with food or without. Aromas of strawberry and red fruits predominate with a hint of spice. The wine is full bodied with excellent acidity and freshness. Serve chilled.

Alc: 12.85%

Std drinks: 7.6

Allergens: Contains Sulphites. Traditional fining using milk and fish products, traces may remain.



Rod McDonald, Proprietor & Winemaker

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