



ROD McDONALD WINES

QUARTER ACRE

CHARDONNAY

DOC'S BLOCK

HAWKE'S BAY 2016

VINEYARD

From Doc's Block by the sea at Haumoana, these vines are about 20 years old and have previously served up some of Hawke's Bays finest Chardonnay grapes. Autumn 2016 was warm and settled. Vine yield was kept below 2.0 kg per vine to ensure acid balance, flavour and intensity.

WINERY

We whole bunch pressed hand-picked fruit and ran the juice straight to new and seasoned French oak barriques, around 60% of which were new. Wild ferment took a while to get underway, however once it got going it fermented hot and fast. Around 30% natural MLF took off in spring and the wine then rested on gross lees for around nine months before it was bottled. With the mix of a moderate alcohol, low pH and bright acidity, this wine is going to age beautifully.

TASTE

Subtle gunsmoke, toast and peach characters on the nose with lemon curd and a precise, taut palate. The wine is chalky, complex, mouthfilling and packed with Hawke's Bay.

Alc: 13.5%

Std drinks: 8.0 standard drinks

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



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