

Te Awanga

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MERLOT CABERNET FRANC

HAWKE'S BAY 2016

VINEYARD

Premium grapes were first grown in Te Awanga at the beginning of last century. The warm coastal climate, gentle sea breezes and shallow clay soils combine to produce award winning wines of great varietal flavour and finesse. The 2016 season was beautifully set up with a calm, hot summer and expert canopy management, including shoot thinning and leaf plucking, this ensured vine health, ideal flavours and clean, ripe fruit.

WINERY

The grapes were gently destemmed but not crushed, regular cap management during ferment meant optimal tannin extraction. After post ferment maceration the wine aged in oak to further enhance the structure before it was blended and lightly egg white fined.

TASTE

Rich and crimson in colour, this wine displays aromas of black cherry, cassis and spice. The palate is full, rich and soft with flavours of plum and cedar. It is a wine of excellent balance and structure. A wine styled for approachability but will reward careful cellaring.

Alcohol: 13%

Standard Drinks: 7.7 standard drinks

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



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