

Te Motu 2014

The Story

The Te Motu Vineyard's story began in 1988 when the Dunleavy family procured 30 acres of prime "vineyard valley" and nourished it into a haven of premier wine. As one of the pioneers of the Waiheke wine movement, the family's vision was clear from the outset: To master wines of the 'Bordeaux' style, comprised predominantly from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. In 1989 the first vines were planted. The first vintage of Te Motu was produced in 1993.

The Vineyard

Te Motu's vineyard lies in the heart of Waiheke Island's Onetangi Valley, where it is sheltered from the north by the ridge which guards Onetangi's famous beach, and from the west by the massive rocky outcrop known as Stonyridge. One of Te Motu vineyard's boundaries is formed by the Rangihoua creek, which flows into an inlet of Putiki Bay. The inlet was named Te Rangihoua, 'day of renewal,' by Tama Te Kapua, captain of the Maori canoe Te Arawa – because it was his first landfall in the long voyage from Hawaiiki. There, Te Arawa was relashed before continuing on to its final landing place at Maketu.

Vintage 2014

A warm and dry spring got things off to a great start through flowering resulting in a good fruit set and crop levels. We had plenty of rainfall just at the right time in December but becoming dry and settled by mid-January. From there warm settled weather allowed the grapes to fully ripen. At Te Motu we thinned the crop early and late. As a result, the fruit we picked through early to mid April was in magnificent condition, bursting with flavour and concentration.

Winemaking

The flagship wine of our Waiheke Island vineyard, Te Motu is a Cabernet Sauvignon dominant blend with Merlot and Franc, hand harvested from low-yielding vines.

The wine enjoys extended e´levage and maturing in premium French oak before beginning a minimum 3 year term resting in bottle. On release, the wine shows elegance, complexity and firm yet supple tannins – the hallmarks of its longevity – and will continue to reward cellaring.



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Tasting Note

A medium plus garnet hue leads to a pronounced nose of dark cherry, rhubarb and blackberry. The fresh primary fruits intertwine with savoury leather and cedar notes adding complexity. Dark cherry chocolate jumps out on the palate with hints of bramble fruits layered underneath. Savoury leather and fresh tobacco build layers to the soft elegant mouthfeel. The balance of fresh acidity and chalky tannins adds juiciness pulling together a wonderfully balanced wine that lingers long into each sip.

Alcohol Percentage	14 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	5.3 g/L
Aging Potential	15+ years
Varieties	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc



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