

## Dunleavy The Strip Cabernet Merlot 2017

### 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.

### Winemaking

Planted when their children were barely walking, John and Paul Dunleavy's vines have matured over two decades and, like their children, bring their own unique character to this wine. Aged in barrels for 10 months, but made in a forward, fruit driven style to be enjoyed in youth, The Strip will continue to improve over time with careful cellaring.

### Tasting Note

A medium ruby red colour with a brilliant elegance leads to a pronounced nose of ripe black currant and black cherry accompanied by subtle oak toast and soft raspberry chocolate. The palate bursts with juicy blackberry, raspberry and black Doris plum, all held together with a textural tannin structure and fresh balanced acidity. The mouthfeel is generous, fruit forward and vibrant with a lingering fruit length that entices you to the next sip.



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<b>Alcohol Percentage</b>	<b>13 %</b>
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	<b>Dry</b>
<b>T.A.</b>	
<b>Aging Potential</b>	<b>10+ years</b>
<b>Varieties</b>	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot</b>



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