

Te Motu 2012

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 2012

2012 was a mild to hot summer and was described by John and other winemakers on the island as a typical Bordeaux type season. The fruit ripened steadily and evenly with sugars, acids, pH and phenolics at nice balanced levels. There was some rain late season but lucky enough for us it had little impact as it came immediately after we had harvested our Merlot and 2 weeks prior to harvesting our Cabernets. Thus, allowing great concentration in each varietal.

Winemaking

A blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc fermented to 13.5% alc., the wine aged 18 months in 20% new French oak.

Tasting Note

A gorgeous Old World-inspired cabernet, merlot and cabernet franc blend; the fragrant bouquet shows cassis, dark plum, vanilla and toasted nut characters with nuances of black tea, leather and dried herb notes. The palate is beautifully weighted and rounded, and offers excellent fruit richness as well as seductive savory, spicy complexity. This is elegant and gentle, yet persistent and powerful to the finish.



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Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	5.3 g/L
Aging Potential	15+ years
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