

**The Regent of Tantallon
Merlot Cabernet
Hawkes Bay
2013**

Style of Wine

Full bodied, Merlot dominant, Bordeaux blend.

Heritage

Established in 1978, The Wine Portfolio combines the finest grapes with the best winemaking techniques, as well as passion from our dedicated winemakers. We have taken the boutique winery approach to winemaking by controlling the entire process-from grafting our own cuttings, developing our own vineyards and viticultural techniques and investing in the best technology possible.

Vintage

2013 was a near perfect year for Bordeaux style reds in Hawkes Bay. Bob Campbell, an eminent New Zealand winewriter, rated this vintage 10/10 - it does not get better than this. Exceptional heat created a long dry season typical of an Indian Summer. This enabled us to hang the fruit for a longer period until super ripe.

Vinification

The grapes for this wine were sourced from our Hawkes Bay vineyards and were processed at our Riverview Winery. Most of the fruit was hand harvested and gently destemmed into open topped fermenters. Fermentation was conducted at up to 30°C with hand plunging. A few days of extended maceration preceded pressing off and malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in a mix of new and used oak barrels for 18 months.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

A sublime Bordeaux-style blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon with a fine grained structure that adds depth and complexity. The Regent of Tantallon is a limited edition wine of superior quality. It has aromas of coffee, chocolate, black olives and blackcurrant. The palate is well balanced with the rich, dark fruit character backed up by fine oak and tannins.

Cellaring Potential

This wine will age gracefully for another 8 – 10 years.

Serving Suggestions

Enjoy with rich meat dishes – rare steak or beef wellington.

Grapes

Merlot 52%, Cabernet Sauvignon 48%

Analysis

Alcohol: 14% v/v

Residual Sugar: 0.1 g/L

Total Acidity: 5.6 g/L

pH: 3.52

