

**The Regent of Tantallon  
Hawke's Bay Merlot Cabernet  
2015**

**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.

**Vineyards**

This wine is entirely from grapes grown in our Tantallon Vineyard in the Hawke's Bay.

**Vinification**

The grapes were harvested from the Tantallon vineyard and transported to our Riverview winery where they were crushed to open topped stainless steel fermentation vessels and inoculated with a range of yeast strains. The ferments were hand plunged several times per day until dry and then allowed from 2 to 14 days extended maceration. The wine was then pressed off the skins and put to barrel where it was aged for 30 months before blending. The wine was then transported by road tanker to our Katikati winery for final blending and finishing.

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes**

Bursting with ripe dark fruits, and complex aromas of leather, dried herbs and subtle nutty oak. Concentrated flavours of cassis with fine grained tannins and charry oak. A big, impressive wine. Extended time in oak has created a wine of intensity and interest.

**Cellaring Potential**

This wine is drinking well now but can be cellared for up to 10 years.

**Grapes**

Merlot 68%, Cabernet Sauvignon 30%, Cabernet Franc 2%

**Analysis**

Alcohol:	14% v/v
Residual Sugar:	0.32 g/L
Total Acidity:	6.5 g/L
pH:	3.40

