

**The Regent of Tantallon
Merlot Cabernet
Hawke's Bay
2014**

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. Bottling was in May 2018.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The Regent of Tantallon is a limited edition wine of superior quality. It has complex aromas of dark fruits, leather, dried herbs and subtle nutty oak. Concentrated flavours of blackcurrent with fine grained tannins provide structure and length. 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 8 years.

Grapes

Merlot 63%, Cabernet Sauvignon 37%

Analysis

Alcohol: 14% v/v

Residual Sugar: 0.32 g/L

Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.55

