

TANTALUS ÉVOQUE RESERVE 2016



TANTALUS ESTATE

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WINEMAKING

Fermented in stainless steel open-top fermenters, with indigenous and selected yeasts. Punched down and air pulses up to 4 times per day followed by an extended maceration. Gently basket pressed and transferred into mostly new French oak for 12 months maturation. 3 rackings during élevage. No fining.

VINEYARDS & HARVEST

Region: Waiheke Island
Grapes: Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc
Harvest: 100% hand harvest
Dates: 2nd April - 24th April 2014
Brix: 22.3–24
Production: 35hl/ha. Single vineyard

VINTAGE REPORT

A dry winter made pruning enjoyable and as such we were finished in record time. Late August brought with it a wet spell which replenished ground moisture prior to the season. Budburst was nearly 2 weeks ahead of normal. A settled spring brought with it a good fruit set, the odd Southwesterly kept the crop loads in check. Dry warm weather through to mid January set us up with some very healthy fruit. The season did a bit of an about face in February and turned wetter and cooler than we are used to. The majority of the work had already been done as we guided the crop to harvest by strategically hanging out individual parcels to gain optimum ripeness. The resultant wines are rich and plush with great presence and length.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Alcohol:	Residual Sugar:	pH:	TA:
13.5%	<1g/l	3.5	6.5g/l

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby with a vermilion hue, elegant and multi layered this merlot dominant blend presents a nose of dark berry compote, dried herbs and freshly brewed espresso. Flavours of blackcurrant, red berries and cocoa over wild thyme, tobacco and cedar lead the way to an extremely long finish.

Cellaring Potential: 3-9 years.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Scotch fillet with pan jus, Confit duck legs, Truffle oil pasta and mushrooms, Braised short ribs, Hard cheese

ORIGIN OF THE NAME

A Tantalus is a small wooden cabinet that contains two or three decanters of precious wine, for which there is a lock and key. The Tantalus prevents unauthorised people from opening the cabinet and drinking its contents, while allowing the bottles' beauty to be on display. With a key to our Tantalus wines, one obtains access to the secrets of the treasures held within. All our reserve wines have names referring to the origins of Tantalus... To évoque is to evoke forgotten memories, or to elicit fragments of a memory, perhaps even a déjà-vu. Put your nose in a glass of our "Évoque" and it will surely bring to mind one of your most pleasurable experiences.

