

TODAY'S WINE TASTING MENU

At Te Motu we specialise in Bordeaux blends and give an informative and educational wine tasting. We run you through a selection of wines from both our estate ranges: Te Motu & Dunleavy, taking the time to explain the story behind each bottle. Please let us know if you are on a time limit.

Dunleavy 'The Shed' Rose 2018

The Dunleavy 'The Shed' Rosé 2018 is 100% Merlot with ripe banana and melon on the nose. Made in a Provence style the palate is light and fresh yet nicely weighted and balanced with citrus and tropical fruits.

Retail price: \$35

Dunleavy 'The Grafter' Syrah 2016

On a vineyard at the isolated Eastern end of the island, a man laboured tirelessly to build his dream – green grafting many of the vines that comprise this extraordinary Syrah. Today, his legacy lives on in The Grafter.

“Aromas of dark cherry, red currant, oak toast and vanilla intertwine with subtle pepper, cinnamon and Christmas spice. These aromas carry over to the palate where the fresh fruit and spice integrate seamlessly with a fresh acidity and soft tannin. A balanced wine with liveliness and texture that will accompany a wide range of delicious cuisine.” – Sam Dunleavy

Retail price: \$55

Dunleavy 'The Strip' Single Vineyard Cabernet Merlot 2015

An intense bouquet of raspberries, sweet cherries and plums. The palate is concentrated and intense with sweet red fruits, spice and some cedar notes. A silkiness on the palate and fresh acidity leave a long lingering finish.

94 points by Wine Orbit /4 stars by Raymond Chan/4 stars by Bob Campbell

Retail price: \$45

Te Motu 2009

One of our most elegant wines to date with aromas of dark fruit, game, leather and cigar box characters with a hint of violet. The palate is concentrated with excellent focus and fine texture and wonderful chalky tannins. A seamless and flowing wine with blackberries, earthy and savoury notes. Aging until 2025+

94 points by Bob Campbell MW/ 95 points by Wine Orbit/94 points by Gourmet Traveller

Retail price: \$125

The tasting is \$20pp (refundable with a wine purchase of \$70 or more)

TODAY'S EXTRA SPECIAL TASTING

Te Motu 2013

13 is supposed to be an unlucky number, right? Not for Waiheke wine.

With little to no rainfall from Christmas through harvest, 2013 was one of the best grape growing vintages the island has ever seen. This allowed the fruit to hang on the vine to full physiological ripeness, producing wines full of complexity, ripe tannins and power that will cellar well for many years to come.

97 points / 5 stars – Bob Campbell MW

“A cabernet sauvignon-dominant blend with merlot and cabernet franc. Dense, elegant and impressive wine from a stellar Waiheke vintage, with an intriguing mix of dried berry fruits, spices, savoury and oak characters. A suave, complex wine with serious cellaring potential” – Bob Campbell

5 stars – Michael Cooper

"Deeply coloured and highly fragrant, with concentrated blackcurrant, plum and spice flavours, it is complex, savoury and already delicious." – Michael Cooper

19.0+/20 (5 stars) – Raymond Chan

“This has excellent clarity of expression. Medium-full bodied, the palate has rich and vibrant, lively fruit flavours of succulent blackcurrant fruit along with blackberries and cassis liqueur. The fruit has real intensity and depth, and forms an elegant, highly concentrated core, unfolding notes of dark plums and mint herbs, along with nutty, pencil oak. The fruit richness is balanced by considerable structure with flowery tannin extraction. The wine flows with plenty of vitality and underlying acidity leading to a long, fresh, sweet-fruited finish.” – Raymond Chan

Retail price: \$140