



MAN O' WAR VINEYARDS

WAIHEKE ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND



Ok, beauty is not everything. But now wonder that exceptional wines are being produced in the natural beauty of Waiheke Island. Perfect natural conditions together with high winemaking skills attribute to the success of Man O' War wines. Dramatic scenery and panoramic views are all around when you visit the island home of the Man O' War vineyards.

Over two hundred years after Cook first sighted Man O' War, the founders was convinced that world class wine could be grown here. Throwing caution to the wind the first vines were planted in 1993. Today Man O' War consists of 150 acres of vines planted in 76 individual hillside blocks, each with a distinct soil profile and microclimate. Every single block bears the footprints, and sometimes the names, of those who transformed Man O' War's rugged hillsides into a spectacular patchwork of vines. Each block has been meticulously designed with different rootstocks, clones and planting densities to best match the specific terroir on offer. Each small parcel of vines is carefully tended and harvested by hand, then vinified separately, fusing classic Old World techniques with innovative New World ideas. The result: top Parker ratings.

The Man O' War Flagship range conveys layers of complexity, structure and ageing potential while all wines express varietal character and fruit vibrancy.



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TULIA 2012

Tulia 2012 is a zero dosage Blanc de Blancs Methode Traditionelle wine.

Varietal: Chardonnay

Winery:	Man O' War	Vineyard:	Waiheke Island
Winemaker	Duncan McTavish	Alcohol:	13%
Closure:	Cork	Winemaking:	French oak

Tasting Note

Lifted aromas of white peach, green apple, walnut and fresh bread lead into a palate of stone fruit, citrus with subtle lees and oak complexity. The Tulia is classically styled with a backbone of acidity and a lingering grapefruit finish.

Winery

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Driven by this blueprint the white varieties have been carefully placed high on the exposed volcanic hilltops of Man O' War so that they benefit from cooling sea breezes, extending their growing season and giving them great concentration and minerality. While the red varieties are draped down precipitously steep sheltered clay hillsides enjoying the heat and drainage provided, promoting serious intensity and depth.



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Ironclad 2012

Complex Blend with a lot of power.

Varietal: 45% Cabernet Franc, 20% Merlot, 14% Petit Verdot, 13% Malbec and 8% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winery:	Man O' War	Wine region:	Waiheke Island
pH:	3.6	Alcohol:	15%
Residual sugar:	>1g/l	TA:	5.7
Closure:	Screwcap	Cellaring potential	2020+

Tasting Note

Predominantly Cabernet franc and Merlot, the nose has aromas of sweet ripe fruit with lifted aromas of crushed red berries and darker cassis with hints of floral perfume from the Malbec and Petit Verdot with a flourish of tobacco and cedar from the Cabernet Sauvignon. The palate is vibrant, exuding ripe fruit and a rich texture finishing with supple fine grained tannins.

The 2012 Ironclad is a fine example of what Waiheke can achieve in a cooler vintage. It has great fruit accessibility with a powerful structure coated in luxuriant fruit, supple yet powerful. It is an engaging wine in its youth that will reward patient cellaring revealing a refined structure and greater complexity with age.

Ironclad

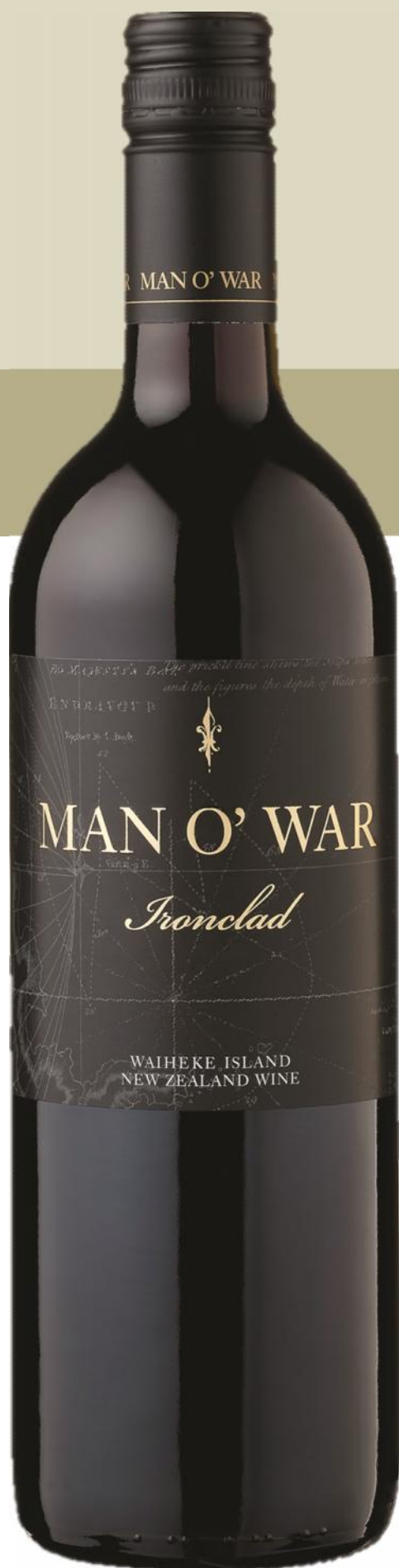
Ironclad is named in honour of the 19th Century warships characterised by the iron armour bolted onto their wooden hulls, much as iron courses through the veins of our warm clay hillside vineyards.

Winemaking

2012 was a very cool and late vintage for the reds delivering wines of elegance and finesse. All the fruit for the Ironclad comes from estate owned vineyards off steep north facing vineyards. The fruit is carefully hand harvested and delivered to the winery in impeccable condition before a further rigorous sorting in the winery. The decision was made to ferment 'wild' without crushing which is quite often the case in the cooler vintages at Man O' War. The fruit was treated gently with a pre and post ferment soak with gentle pump overs with hand plunging twice daily during the actual fermentation stage. All the parcels of fruit were fermented and barrelled separately before blending in the New Year. The 2012 Ironclad has 29 components contributing to the blend which was finalised in August of 2013 and bottled in late February 2014.

Reviews and accolades

96 - Bob Campbell MW



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WARSPITE 2013

The 2013 Warspite is the third release of this wine. Complex Blend with a lot of power.

Varietal: 60% Cabernet Franc, 30% Merlot, 10% Malbec

Winery:	Man O' War	Wine region:	Pohui Island
pH:	3.73	Alcohol:	15%
TA:	5.25	Cellaring potential	2022
Closure:	Screwcap		

Tasting Note

It is very generously an abundance of sweet red berry fruit with hints of cooking spice. Approximately 60% Cabernet Franc, 30% Merlot & 10% Malbec the 2013 Warspite exhibits the wonderful traits of Cabernet Franc dominant wine, that fruit spectrum typically associated with lighter wines.

Warspite

One of a new class of "fast" battleships when launched and blessed with a thrilling combination of elegance and power, Warspite is entirely sourced from our Ponui Island vineyards and emulates the graceful power of the Royal Navy's "Grand Old Dame".

Winemaking

Rated as Waiheke's finest vintage to date, the 2013 vintage delivered fruit of exceptional quality and the fruit for the Warspite was no exception. Weather was largely warm, dry and settled which was the complete opposite to the previous vintage. Yields were extremely low due to the dry season, resulting in small intensely flavoured grapes. Long, fine days allowed the Man O' War team to harvest some of the best fruit they have ever seen.

With the Warspite grapes grown on neighbouring Ponui Island they are required to wait for a favourable tide to allow for the equipment and pickers to be taken across the water to harvest throughout the day. Once completed the fruit is brought back in on the incoming tide and we process throughout the night to make the bins available for the following days picking. After gentle de-stemming the grapes underwent a 'wild' fermentation in the vat and spent 30 days on skins with gentle plunging or pumping over of together to form the blend and aged in barrel (42% new French oak, 58% Seasoned French oak) for 24 months before bottling.

Reviews and accolades

967100 – Bob Campbell MW

Top 12 NZ Red Blends- Gourmet Traveller Wine magazine



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MERLOT CABERNET FRANC 2014

A Bordeaux style blend of Merlot, Cabernet, Malbec & Petit Verdot from the spectacular premium producer Man O' War vineyards on the eastern side of Waiheke Island. 95 points from Master of Wine Bob Campbell.

Varietals: 50% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 15% Malbec, 10% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winery:	Man O' War	Wine region:	Waiheke Island
Winemaker:	Duncan McTavish	Alcohol:	14.5%
TA	5.4	RS:	0 g/l
Closure:	Screwcap	Cellaring potential	2020+

Tasting Note

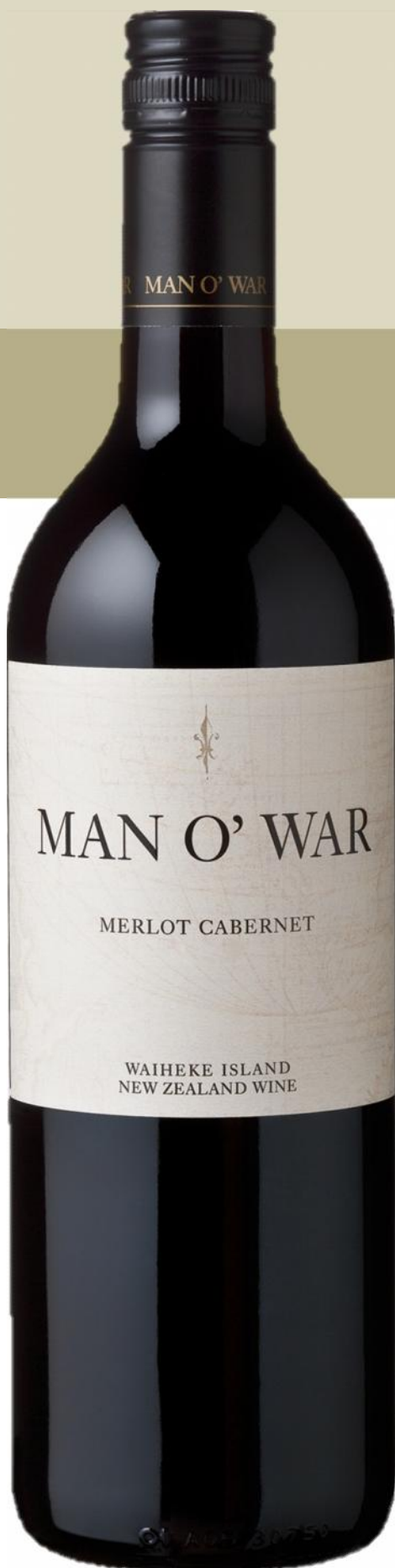
Deep garnet-purple in colour with lifted aromas of crushed red berries and darker cassis with hints of floral perfume, clove, Mediterranean herbs and cedar. The palate is vibrant with good concentration and supple approachable tannins. The 2014 Man O' War Bordeaux exudes ripe red berry fruits, a hint of spice and a long persistent finish that is engaging in its youth but will reward careful cellaring for 3-5 years acidity.

Winemaking

2014 was a relatively moderate season, climatically, for Waiheke; with a return to average rainfall and sunshine hours after the drought of 2013. Flowering was excellent which resulted in very good yields across most varieties. With vigilance and patience shown in the vineyards it was more than possible to ripen the crop to optimum levels prior to harvesting. The overall impression of 2014 are fruit driven wines of impeccable balance with the wines lending themselves to slightly less time in oak and earlier bottling. Each parcel was hand harvested and sorted in the winery after destemming with predominantly no crushing of the fruit with the exception of the Petit Verdot. All of the parcels began wild fermentation after 3 or 4 days during which time the juice was carefully pumped over to extract the softer tannin, flavour and colour before more rigorous pumping over throughout fermentation. Left in vat for over 30 days; the ferments were gently pressed off before going to barrel for 18 months. Un-inoculated malolactic fermentation takes place in barrel before blending and bottling in the following year.

Accolades

95/100 - Bob Campbell MW



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BELLEROPHON 2014

Christened in honour of the heroic demi-god astride an immortal winged horse; Bellerophon designates both the first ship of a new class of Dreadnoughts, and the first blend of Syrah and Viognier from the volcanic hillside vineyards.

Varietal: 97% Syrah, 3% Viognier

Winery:	Man O' War	Wine region:	Waiheke Island
pH:	3,83	Alcohol:	13.5%
Residual sugar:	<1g/l	Barrel:	75% old oak
Closure:	Screwcap	Cellaring potential:	2022+

Tasting Note

The 2014 Bellerophon is classically structured with an intensely fragrant nose of violets, raspberries and white pepper. Careful management of the stem and Viognier components has resulted in a palate that is soft and elegant exhibiting flavours of ripe red berries. All of which is encased by the distinctive stem tannins giving a lifted freshness and length to the finish. The wine is incredibly approachable in its youth but will age gracefully developing more savoury earthy and smoked meat characters with time.

Winemaking

After the remarkable success of the first Bellerophon in 2012 it was decided to make another offering from the 2014 vintage. The Syrah was co-fermented in the classic mould of Côte-Rôtie with the white Viognier grape. To further develop the style approximately 30% of the wine was fermented with whole bunch clusters in the fermentation, this was either as 15% additions of the Viognier or anywhere between 10 to 100% whole cluster Syrah. Fermented with 'wild' yeast and left in for an extended period prior to pressing, the various components underwent a natural malolactic in the Spring before blending and bottling just prior to the vintage of 2015.

Accolades

#5 Top 2014 NZ Syrah – Bob Campbell MW
96/100 – Bob Campbell MW



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DREADNOUGHT 2014

The first in a line of early 20th century battleships bestowed with the motto "fear god and dreadnought" and embodying a supreme combination of speed and power, Dreadnought denotes Man O' War's steepest and most breathtaking hillside Syrah vineyards.

Varietal: Syrah

Winery:	Man O' War	Wine region:	Waiheke Island
pH:	3.42	Alcohol:	14.6%
Residual sugar:	<1g/l	TA:	5.1g/l
Closure:	Screwcap	Cellaring potential:	2022+

Tasting Note

The 2014 Dreadnought is has excellent fruit accessibility with a rich voluminous palate tamed with a streak of acidity and a mineral edge derived from the stem influence all supported by a classic Dreadnought tannin structure. The aromas are lifted with black and blue fruits and a spicy gaminess of the stems creating a complex and harmonious wine with plenty of aging potential. Stylish, finely balanced this wine is beautiful now but will reward careful cellaring.

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Accolades

95/100 - Bob Campbell MW

5 stars & Wine Classic - Michael Cooper

19/20 – Raymond Chan



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BELLEROPHON 2014 - MAGNUM

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Tasting Note

Incredibly fragrant with aromas of sweet red fruit, spice and savoury gamey notes which are typical of the style. The palate is undoubtedly concentrated yet retains an element of elegance with supple fruit and vibrant acidity. The fruit and stem tannins are fine grained and ripe adding freshness and length to the wine, with the overall structure suggestive of classical Northern Rhone Syrah.

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Winemaking

Rated as Waiheke's finest vintage to date, the 2013 vintage delivered fruit of exceptional quality and the fruit for our Dreadnought Syrah was no exception. Due to the exceptional quality of our Syrah fruit, we allowed ourselves to experiment with leaving stems in some of our ferments for added complexity and tannin. The majority of fruit was sorted, destemmed and then treated in the Man O'War typical manner; no crushing, no yeast or additions and an extended time in vat. A few select ferments were added up to 15% whole clusters to the bottom of each vat before destemming on top. When pressed, the wines stayed in barrel for 24 months with a natural malolactic fermentation occurring in the spring before bottling under screw cap prior Christmas 2015.

Accolades

96/100 - Decanter

Top 50 Wine 2015 – Decanter

96/100 - Bob Campbell MW

5 stars - Michael Cooper

