



Te MATA E S T A T E

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ESTABLISHED IN 1896, TE MATA ESTATE IS NEW ZEALAND'S OLDEST WINERY
AND REMAINS FAMILY OWNED, PRODUCING INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED WINES
EXCLUSIVELY FROM ITS HAWKES BAY VINEYARDS.

2003 Vintage Report

2003 produced small crops in New Zealand due to a cool, frosty spring. Hawkes Bay had its share of this weather although Te Mata was fortunate enough to escape largely unscathed. With the exception of low crops for Chardonnay and Merlot our growing season was quite normal in every respect. Summer was dry, with only 35mm of rain recorded at Havelock North between 20 December - 25 February.

Temperatures peaked at about 35°C during this period. The hot days during January and February developed good quality tannins in the red varieties and the white varieties show very good fruit flavours and aromas. Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc were the two varieties that performed the best.