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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.

## 2000 Vintage Report

The 2000 vintage in Hawkes Bay was characterised by an extremely dry growing season resulting in smaller than average berry sizes giving wines with intense flavours. Heat summation was back to normal levels, after the hotter than average 1998 and 1999 seasons, and quality looks very promising. Our white wines are showing intense ripe fruit flavours and excellent structure, while our red wines are darkly coloured, and showing supple palates backed by long, firm tannins.

2000 In Brief: Dry growing season, small berry sizes, intense flavours. Red wines darkly coloured and supple palates backed by long, firm tannins.