

Te MATA
ESTATE 1896



SHOWCASE 2025

– BETTER NEVER STOPS –

‘GREAT PRODUCERS PREVAIL NO MATTER THE SEASON.’

– ROBERT PARKER’S WINE ADVOCATE, ERIN LARKIN, 24 JANUARY 2025

We’re incredibly proud of Te Mata’s 130-year heritage of excellence and of creating landmark wines that speak of place – but better never stops. We build on this legacy, constantly advancing every aspect from vine to glass. Te Mata’s world-leading team is at the global forefront of viticulture and winemaking. Our focus on vineyard regeneration, soil health, varietal science, and precision irrigation for concentration, all underpin our exacting standards to ensure only the finest grapes. Our state-of-the-art winery, innovative practices, and industry-leading winemakers provide the platform for Te Mata’s expression of ‘art and craft’ in fine wine.

We are delighted to present these remarkable wines, please enjoy.



Nick Buck, Te Mata Estate





CAPE CREST '22

SAUVIGNON BLANC



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.32
Total acidity as tartaric	7.0gpl
Alcohol	13.0%
Residual Sugar	Dry

SINCE 1984, CAPE CREST HAS DEVELOPED AN INTERNATIONAL FOLLOWING FOR ITS UNIQUE EXPRESSION OF NEW ZEALAND SAUVIGNON BLANC. BARREL FERMENATED, WITH A TOUCH OF SEMILLON AND SAUVIGNON GRIS, IT IS CONCENTRATED AND COMPLEX WITH TOAST, CITRUS BLOSSOM, PEAR AND STONEFRUIT CHARACTERS.

VINEYARDS

The fully ripe grapes for Cape Crest '22 were hand harvested from individual plots within Te Mata Estate's vineyards between 28 February and 13 March 2022.

WINEMAKING

The separate parcels were each destemmed and lightly crushed, then cooled before a brief period of skin contact. Following pressing and cold-settling, they were run to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barrels for fermentation. The resulting wines were aged on lees, with regular stirring, for a further 11 months before bottling in February 2023. Cape Crest '22 is a blend of 88% sauvignon blanc, 7% sauvignon gris and 5% semillon.

TASTING NOTE

Radiating a mesmerizing white-gold hue adorned with shimmering green lights and bursting with its signature perfume – vibrant concentrated nectarine, grapefruit and lime zest with lemongrass, guava and subtle toast notes. The attack broadens into ripe stone fruit and herbal seasoning, developing remarkable richness across the length of the palate. A balanced weight and crystalline acidity add to the immense fruit concentration and long savoury, saline finish. An embodiment of excellence. Is this the best Cape Crest yet? Certainly, it's the most complex and complete.

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POINTS

EXPRESSING PRECISION AND CLARITY, AS WELL AS POWER AND COMPLEXITY, THE WINE SHOWS CRUNCHY APPLE, MANGO, LEMON PITH AND CEDAR CHARACTERS ON THE NOSE WITH A HINT OF OATMEAL NUANCE. THE PALATE DELIVERS TERRIFIC WEIGHT AND PERSISTENCY, WONDERFULLY COMPLEMENTED BY FINE FLOW AND SALINE TEXTURE, FINISHING WITH A GREAT LINE AND LENGTH. A STUNNING EXPRESSION, DESTINED TO MATURE MAGNIFICENTLY.

– SAM KIM, WINE ORBIT, JANUARY 2024



ELSTON '23

CHARDONNAY



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.28
Total acidity as tartaric	7.1gpl
Alcohol	13.0%
Residual Sugar	Dry

PRODUCED SINCE 1984, ELSTON IS AN OUTSTANDING NEW ZEALAND CHARDONNAY, GROWN AT TE MATA ESTATE'S OLDEST VINEYARDS ON THE HILLSIDES ABOVE THE WINERY. IT IS RICH AND COMPLEX WITH FLAVOURS OF FRESH PINEAPPLE, WHITE PEACH AND NOUGAT.

VINEYARDS

The superb quality was immediately apparent in the fully ripe grapes that were hand harvested from their separate, individual plots within Te Mata Estate's vineyards between 22 February and 15 March 2023.

WINEMAKING

Each parcel was gently whole-cluster pressed, cold settled and racked to new and seasoned French oak barrels for fermentation. The resulting wines remained in contact with their yeast lees, with a number going through malolactic fermentation. The finest lots were selected for further maturation, spending a total of 11 months in barrel with 36% being new oak.

TASTING NOTE

In the glass, Elston Chardonnay 2023 exudes a radiant golden hue. Its aroma is a captivating blend of grapefruit, white peach, vanilla, and roasted nuts, interwoven with subtle charred nuances and flinty undertones. The palate presents exquisite freshness and structure with lemon brûlée, peach, toasty brioche notes and refreshing citrus. Elston Chardonnay 2023 is graceful, impeccably balanced, and finishes long and satisfying, with a subtle saline quality.

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POINTS

A PROFUSION OF WHITE PINEAPPLE AND GREEN APPLE, ROASTED HAZELNUT/CASHEW AND WHITE FLOWERS. IT IS IMPRESSIVE, FLAVOURSOME AND ALMOST ACHINGLY INTENSE, WITH GREAT LENGTH THROUGH THE FINISH. RECOMMENDED.

– ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE, ERIN LARKIN, 24 JANUARY 2025



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.57
Total acidity as tartaric	5.0gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry

ALMA '21

PINOT NOIR

FIRST PLANTED IN 1999, ALMA IS THE FINEST EXPRESSION OF TE MATA ESTATE'S COMMITMENT TO GREAT NEW ZEALAND PINOT NOIR. ALMA EXPRESSES BROODING CHERRY AND DELICIOUS RIPE, DARK PLUM FLAVOURS THAT UNFURL WITH SAVOURY WILDWOOD SCENTS OF TRUFFLE AND SPICE.

VINEYARDS

Separate parcels of fully ripened pinot noir grapes were hand-harvested from Te Mata Estate's Woodthorpe Vineyards between 15 and 23 February 2021.

WINEMAKING

The individual lots were each destemmed and given a traditional warm-plunged fermentation. The resulting wines underwent extended maceration on skins before pressing. The separate wines were then run to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barriques for 10 months' maturation.

TASTING NOTE

A captivating rose-red and crimson in the glass, Alma '21 is immediately floral, with notes of lavender, peonies, wild strawberries, and ripe, red cherries. Woodsmoke, spice and incense meld into forest berries and rich black plums on a long, savoury palate hanging on precise, concentrated, super-fine tannins.

A wine of persistence, that overflows with appeal, Alma Pinot Noir '21 is immediately enjoyable and endless in its enchantment.

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POINTS

BRILLIANT AND DEEP PURPLE COLOUR; REMARKABLE FOR PINOT NOIR, THEN AN EXPLOSIVE BOUQUET OF BLACK CHERRY AND DARK PLUM, LOADED WITH SPICES TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST. OAK (30% NEW) IS PERFECTLY HARMONISED. THERE IS NO WHOLE-BUNCH CHARACTER—LESS THAN 3% OF STEMS WERE INCLUDED—SO THE WINE HAS AMAZING FRUIT PURITY. IT'S VERY INTENSE AND VIVACIOUS IN THE MOUTH, WITH TIGHT, FIRM BUT MEASURED TANNINS AND PRODIGIOUS LENGTH. THIS WILL RICHLY REWARD A LITTLE CELLAR TIME.

– HUON HOOKE, THE REAL REVIEW, JANUARY 2023



BULLNOSE '21

SYRAH



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.61
Total acidity as tartaric	5.5gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry

FIRST PLANTED IN 1990, THE BULLNOSE VINEYARD'S OLD RED IRON SOILS PRODUCE TE MATA ESTATE'S FINEST SYRAH. THIS WINE HAS DISTINCT FLORAL AND SPICE AROMAS, RICH FLAVOURS OF PLUM, RASPBERRY AND BLACKBERRY, WITH A VELVETY TEXTURE.

VINEYARDS

Separate parcels of fully ripened syrah grapes were hand harvested from Te Mata Estate's Bullnose, Isosceles and Hotspur Vineyards on 25 and 26 March 2021.

WINEMAKING

The individual lots were each destemmed and given a traditional warm-plunged fermentation. The resulting wines underwent extended maceration on skins before pressing and then a secondary malolactic fermentation. The separate wines were then run to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barriques for 16 months' maturation. During this time, they were regularly topped and raked, before blending and then bottling in November 2022.

TASTING NOTE

Magnificent deep magenta, Bullnose '21 entices with floral fragrance of lavender, violets and a dusting of cardamon and cinnamon developing on the palate into black cherry syrup, boysenberry and Turkish delight. Grace notes of char, truffle and pink peppercorns appear in layer upon layer of velvet tannins that run from front to back in the wine – extending the mid-palate presence into a long, sustained finish of saturated and spiced red berries. Bullnose '21 is endlessly enchanting from every angle.

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POINTS

ALMOST GLASS-STAINING PURPLE COLOUR, VERY BRIGHT; THE BOUQUET LOADED WITH AN AMALGAM OF BROWN SPICE AROMAS, TOASTED NUTS TOO, INCLUDING CLOVE, NUTMEG AND PEPPER. A POWERFUL, CONCENTRATED AND TENSIONED WINE WITH BRIGHT ACIDITY AND FIRM BUT MEASURED TANNINS THAT LEAD INTO A VERY LONG FINISH. GREAT POTENTIAL HERE.

– HUON HOOKE, THE REAL REVIEW, JANUARY 2023



AWATEA '22

CABERNETS / MERLOT



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.63
Total acidity as tartaric	5.4gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry

FIRST MADE IN 1982, AWATEA CONTINUES TO REPRESENT THE BEST OF THE CLASSIC HAWKE'S BAY CABERNET/MERLOT BLEND. FLORAL AROMAS WITH INTENSE BLACKBERRY, CURRANT AND DARK PLUM FLAVOURS LEAD TO A RICH, SUPPLE PALATE WITH A SUSTAINED FINISH.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for Awatea '22 were hand harvested from Te Mata Estate's vineyards between 20 and 27 March 2022.

WINEMAKING

The separate parcels of grapes were destemmed before a traditional warm-plunged fermentation and extended maceration on skins. The resulting wines were then run to new and seasoned French oak barrels for 15 months. Throughout this time, they were regularly topped and racked. The separate wines were blended in July 2023, then returned to barrel for their second winter. The finished wine was then egg white fined and bottled in November 2023. The final blend is 42% cabernet sauvignon, 44% merlot and 14% cabernet franc.

TASTING NOTE

A deep 'guardsmen red', Awatea Cabernets/Merlot '22 captivates with its nose of blackberry and bay leaf, ripe red currants, and sea spray to instantly engage the senses. On the palate this interplay of red and dark fruit continues with roses, chocolate and black olive with vanilla and cedar layered over a core of perfectly ripe Black Doris plum. Moreish acidity brightens the wine, lifting the classical varietal elements and fine, powdery, tannin profile. This is a fine wine of balance, length and appeal.

95+

POINTS

THIS IS ROUTINELY A SUPERB WINE, SVELTE AND SUPPLE. I LOVE SMELLING CABERNET—A GREAT ONE CAN MAKE YOU SMILE. I'M SMILING RIGHT NOW. THERE'S RASPBERRY PIP, NORI, DRIED HERBS, WHITE FLOWERS, COAL DUST, STAR ANISE, LICORICE ... I COULD GO ON. IT'S A SENSATIONAL WINE, GROSSLY UNDERPRICED, AND IT IS AN ABSOLUTE PLEASURE TO DRINK. DO NOT DELAY.

— ERIN LARKIN, ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE, DECEMBER 2023



SUSTAINABILITY

Te Mata's sustainability journey began in the early 1990's as a founding estate in the New Zealand Sustainable Wine program that certifies vineyards and wineries from grape-growing through to winemaking, bottling, packaging and logistics. We've gone far further since, incorporating the best of organic, bio-dynamic, and regenerative regimes into the heart of our operations. Our vineyards are alive with biodiversity and sustained by soil structure, cultivating balanced healthy vines to produce exceptional grapes.

We strive for the smallest footprint while crafting the greatest wines.

COLERAINE ACCLAIM

THE BEST NEW ZEALAND WINES OF 2024 – #1 COLERAINE

OFTEN CONSIDERED NEW ZEALAND'S 'FIRST GROWTH', COLERAINE IS EASILY THE ESTATE'S MOST FAMOUS AND INSTANTLY RECOGNISABLE WINE. AT US\$92 (NZ\$160), AN EXTRAORDINARY PRICE FOR ONE OF NEW ZEALAND'S – AND THE WORLD'S – GREATEST WINES.

COLERAINE IS, INDEED, NEW ZEALAND'S BEST WINE.

- DON KAVANAGH, WINE SEARCHER

COLERAINE IS NEW ZEALAND'S MOST ICONIC RED WINE.
IT HAS EARNED THAT STATUS SINCE 1982.

- BOB CAMPBELL MW

EVERY BIT NEW ZEALAND'S 'FIRST GROWTH', WITH A REPUTATION FOR UNWAVERING CONSISTENCY. JUST GLORY.

- ANDREW GRAHAM, AUSTRALIAN WINE REVIEW

THE LEGENDARY CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND MERLOT BLEND OF NEW ZEALAND.
NEW ZEALAND'S SASSICAIA.

- JAMES SUCKLING, JAMESUCKLING.COM

COLERAINE FROM TE MATA IS NEW ZEALAND'S GREATEST CABERNET BLEND ... EVERY 1% PAYS OFF,
AND THAT IS THE DEFINING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GOOD ESTATE AND A GREAT ONE.

- ERIN LARKIN, ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE



COLERAINE '23

— THE RETURN OF THE KING —

Coleraine is Te Mata. Coleraine is Cabernet Sauvignon: The King of Grapes.

In the realm of fine wine, Coleraine is Te Mata's crowning jewel – a cabernet sauvignon that embodies the essence of the variety's title: The King of Grapes.

The latest vintage, the illustrious 2023, reigns supreme with a level of expression and finesse as robust as its lineage. A stately example of coastal cabernet, the Coleraine '23 harmonizes intricate varietal notes with an elegant structure and a power that feels both balanced and commanding. At its core lies the indomitable characteristics of cabernet – the grape upon which Coleraine's reign has always been built.

Te Mata's cabernet collection, sourced from seven noble selections across 24 vineyard parcels, is majestic in the Coleraine '23 blend, commanding a regal 80% of the composition. Joined by 15% merlot and a 5% touch of cabernet franc, this royal assembly reflects the multitude of soil types and vineyard sites that define our sub-regions.

Coleraine is New Zealand's greatest red wine – a true returning king in every sense.

VINEYARDS

Coleraine '23 was hand harvested from Te Mata Estate's Hawke's Bay vineyards between 31 March and 17 April 2023.

WINEMAKING

Each parcel of grapes was destemmed before a traditional warm-plunged fermentation and extended maceration on skins. The resulting wines were then run to predominately new French oak barrels for 17 months' maturation. Throughout this time, they were regularly topped and racked. The assemblage was made in October 2023 and the finished wine was bottled in December 2024.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.73
Total acidity as tartaric	5.9gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry



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POINTS

THIS CUVÉE IS A SELECTION OF THE BEST FROM EACH VINTAGE. IN 2023, THE STRONGEST PERFORMER WAS THE CABERNET SAUVIGNON. THE ELEVATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF THIS WINE FROM THE ALREADY TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSIVE AWATEA IS SIGNIFICANT. WITH RASPBERRY, IODINE, CRUSHED SHELLS, NORI, PRESSED FLOWERS, NEW LEAD PENCIL, TOBACCO, BRAMBLE AND CASSIS, IT IS MAGNIFICENT.

I LOVE THIS WINE.

– ERIN LARKIN, ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE,
24 JANUARY 2025



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POINTS

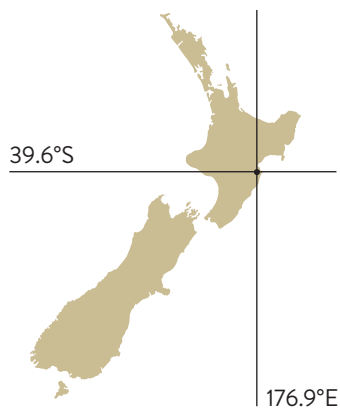
I HAVE TASTED EVERY VINTAGE OF COLERAINE EVER MADE. THIS WINE PUTS ME IN MIND OF THE 2021. BLACKCURRANT, ESSENCE OF CABERNET THING HERE, DRIED HERBS (THYME) AND NORI, TOBACCO, PENCIL, LIQUORICE/ ANISEED ... WITH A VERY LONG FINISH. WONDERFUL PERFUME.

I'M SPENDING A LOT OF TIME THINKING ABOUT THIS WINE, ABOUT WHERE IT WILL GO, AND WHERE IT SITS IN THE PANTHEON OF TE MATA COLERAINE, AND THE UPSHOT IS, 'UP'.

– GARY WALSH, THE WINE FRONT, DECEMBER 2024

New Zealand enjoys a mild, maritime grape growing environment at the cooler margins of full ripeness. The finest wines that are grown 'on the edge' like this, combine intense varietal expression with thrilling acid tension and a rich, concentrated structure.

Hawke's Bay, our region, recognised as the 12th 'Great Wine Capital of the World' in 2023 is New Zealand's warmest, as well as the country's oldest and second largest. It has incredibly diverse soils; over thirty types across nine sub-regions. Combined with significant annual vintage variation, this diversity provides a palette of blending options that produces some of the most complex wines in the world. The top wines made here exhibit both an Antipodean fruit intensity and a European structure and subtlety, creating a unique completeness.



ESTABLISHED IN 1896, TE MATA ESTATE REMAINS FAMILY OWNED, PRODUCING INTERNATIONALLY
RECOGNISED WINES EXCLUSIVELY FROM ITS HAWKE'S BAY VINEYARDS.

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