

# Te MATA

ESTATE 1896

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

Estate Grown. Estate Bottled. Estate Wines.

## ELSTON '11

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.

### ORIGIN

Elston is named for Elston Hall in Nottinghamshire, the ancestral home of Charles Darwin's family. Darwin's 'theory of natural selection' forms the basis of modern evolutionary theory, the foundation of biology. The wyvern symbol of Elston Hall appears on the label.

### VINEYARDS

Between 19 March and 26 March 2011, the separate parcels of grapes were hand harvested from their individual plots within Te Mata Estate's vineyards.

### 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 while undergoing complete malolactic fermentation. The finest lots were selected for further maturation, spending a total of ten months in barrel. The finished wines were then blended and bottled in March 2012.

### TASTING NOTE

It has a brilliant, green gold colour, and lovely aromas of nectarine and white peach, with a background of oatmeal and cedar. It is elegant and intense, with a mineral tension in the extended palate that suggests considerable cellaring potential.

### CLOSURE / CELLARING

Closed with leading technology 'DIAM' corks. A technical cork these eliminate any possibility of cork taint and, when Elston is well cellared, they provide consistent evolution for every bottle. Elston '11 will continue to develop in bottle for five years from harvest.



### Technical Analysis at bottling

pH	3.3
Total acidity as tartaric	5.7g/l
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry

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