



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.

ELSTON '09



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.

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.

Between 16 and 28 March 2009, the separate parcels of chardonnay grapes for Elston '09 were hand harvested from their individual plots within Te Mata Estate's vineyards. 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. In November 2009 the finest lots were selected for further maturation, spending a total of eleven months in barrel. The finished wines were then blended and bottled in March 2010.

Elston '09 has a light golden colour with intense fresh pineapple and peach characters combining with lemon, oatmeal, cream and vanilla notes. It is a rich, complex wine balanced with fresh acidity, leading to a long finish. Elston '09 will continue to evolve in bottle for five years from harvest, matching well with full flavoured dishes based on seafood, poultry and white meats, as well as soft ripened cheeses.

Elston '09 is bottled with leading technology 'DIAM' corks. When the wine is well cellared, these provide consistent evolution for every bottle.

Technical Analysis at bottling

pH	3.27
Total acidity as tartaric	6.1gpl
Alcohol	14%
Residual Sugar	Dry

Sustainable Winegrowing
New Zealand accredited.
This wine is made in a
traditional manner and fined
with egg white. It contains no
added tannin.

