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COLERAINE 1988

Coleraine derives its name from the Coleraine vineyard, home of John & Wendy Buck of Te Mata Estate. John's late grandfather came from Coleraine in Northern Ireland and the name has been maintained through the family properties to the wine.

1988 Coleraine Cabernet/Merlot was hand harvested on the 13th and 14th of April.

Following a complete destemming and crushing, each variety was fermented in 8 tonne fermenters for eight days. During this time the cap was plunged and the wine pumped over every six hours.

The wine was then held on skins for a further eight days, pressed, put through a malolactic, then run to 60% new French oak barriques. It was aged in this small oak for 17 months, and was topped weekly, raked every three months and egg-white fined.

It was also blended in the proportions of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc.

1988 Coleraine has a deep crimson colour, a lifted aroma of coffee and spice and a ripe berry palate with cherry and plum flavours

Technical Analysis at bottling:

pH	3.52
Total acid as tartaric	6.1 g.p.l.
Alcohol	12.3%

1988 Coleraine will develop in bottle quite rapidly until 1992, and will then improve at a slower rate for a further 2 - 3 years.

