

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.

ESTATE VINEYARDS MERLOT/CABERNETS '10

SOURCED EXCLUSIVELY FROM TE MATA ESTATE'S OWN VINEYARDS, THE ESTATE VINEYARDS WINES ARE BLENDED TO REPRESENT THE BEST QUALITIES OF THEIR VARIETY, VINTAGE, AND HAWKE'S BAY ORIGIN.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for Estate Vineyards Merlot/Cabernets '10 were harvested from our Bridge Pa Triangle, Havelock Hills and Woodthorpe Terraces vineyards between 25 March and 23 April 2010.

WINEMAKING

The individual parcels of each variety, from each plot, were destemmed and given a warm, plunged fermentation with extended maceration on skins. The resulting wines were run off to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barrels for 19 months' maturation. The barrels were regularly topped and racked before blending and egg white fining prior to bottling. The final blend is 46% merlot, 23% cabernet sauvignon, 17% cabernet franc, and 14% petit verdot.

TASTING NOTE

Estate Vineyards Merlot/Cabernets '10 has a dark ruby colour with aromas of fresh blackberry, plum, sage and vanilla. The palate is layered and soft, showing very ripe plum and berry notes intermixed with fine chocolatey tannins that sustain the long finish.

FOOD MATCH

Estate Vineyards Merlot/Cabernets '10 is a wonderful accompaniment to savoury red meat dishes and hard white cheeses.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Estate Vineyards Merlot/Cabernets '10 will continue to evolve in bottle for 3-6 years from harvest.



Technical Analysis at bottling

pH	3.62
Total acidity as tartaric	6.0gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry

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