

# 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 '11

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 '11 were harvested between 27 March and 23 April 2011 from Te Mata Estate's own vineyards in the Bridge Pa Triangle, Havelock Hills and Woodthorpe Terraces sub-regions of Hawke's Bay.

### WINEMAKING

The individual parcels of each variety, from each plot, were de-stemmed before a traditional warm fermentation, followed by extended maceration on skins. The resulting wines were pressed, returned to tank for malolactic fermentation, then run off to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barrels for 18 months' maturation. The wines were regularly topped and racked, throughout maturation, then blended and traditionally egg-white fined before bottling. The final blend is 51% merlot, 16% cabernet sauvignon, 21% cabernet franc and 12% petit verdot.

### TASTING NOTE

Estate Vineyards Merlot/Cabernets '11 has a bright crimson colour, with characters of plum, blackberry and apple compote, and an attractive cinnamon spice and bay leaf background. The classically structured palate shows sweet, ripe fruit flavours in great balance, with fine, dry tannin, leading to a supple, even finish.

### FOOD MATCH

Estate Vineyards Merlot/Cabernets '11 is a wonderful accompaniment to savoury red meat dishes and hard white cheeses.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Estate Vineyards Merlot/Cabernets '11 will continue to evolve in bottle for 3-6 years from harvest.



### Technical Analysis at bottling

pH	3.65
Total acidity as tartaric	5.5gpl
Alcohol	13.0%
Residual Sugar	Dry

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