

Te MATA

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SHOWCASE 2023

Welcome to Te Mata's Showcase tasting, this year featuring wines from the remarkable run of harvests 2019; 2020 and 2021 – the greatest set of vintages in Te Mata's 127 year history.

Three factors combined to create this year's Showcase Collection: a dynamic new generation within Te Mata, the blossoming realisation of a decade-long technical upgrade that began in our vineyards and has progressed throughout our grape growing and winemaking processes, and, of course, the magnificence of these three growing seasons.

Te Mata enjoys a wonderful heritage, with fine wine lovers knowing well the legendary wines and people of our past. Now, a new golden age has arrived – created by a younger team with fresh ideas, working re-invigorated vines from historic sites, and building on the glories of the past to attain new heights from a terrific run of vintages – unparalleled in the estate's history.

This 2023 Showcase is a celebration. Revel in the wines contained here, they are individually outstanding and collectively remarkable.

Of course, we are immensely proud of this collection – it is our great pleasure to share them with you. Enjoy.



Nick Buck, Chief Executive, Te Mata Estate

FINE WINE IN PROGRESS

Te Mata is New Zealand's oldest wine estate, with every step of winemaking undertaken on site – from vine to glass – at the foothills of Te Mata Peak. Cabernet, chardonnay and pinot noir were first planted on these hills in 1892 and the first wines released in 1896. Within a decade they were winning gold medals across the globe. While the estate has grown, we still hand harvest from the same vineyards, and age wines in the original barrel halls – the oldest in New Zealand.

127 years after our first vintage, Te Mata Estate wines are available internationally in over 45 countries and recognised among the world's elite. They regularly sell out from the winery within days of release and are presented at the world's top tables, including Queen Elizabeth II, President Barrack Obama and other heads of state. Te Mata Estate remains independent, family-owned, and as committed to the future of fine wine in New Zealand as at our first vintage over a century ago.





CAPE CREST '21

SAUVIGNON BLANC



SINCE 1984, CAPE CREST HAS DEVELOPED AN INTERNATIONAL FOLLOWING FOR ITS UNIQUE EXPRESSION OF NEW ZEALAND SAUVIGNON BLANC. BARREL FERMMENTED, WITH A TOUCH OF SEMILLON AND SAUVIGNON GRIS, IT IS CONCENTRATED AND COMPLEX WITH TOAST, CITRUS BLOSSOM, PEAR AND STONEFRUIT CHARACTERS.

VINEYARDS

The fully ripe grapes for Cape Crest '21 were hand harvested from individual plots within Te Mata Estate's vineyards between 1 and 8 March 2021.

WINEMAKING

The separate parcels were each destemmed and lightly crushed, then cooled before a brief period of skin contact. Following pressing and cold-settling, they were run to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barrels for fermentation. The resulting wines were aged on lees, with regular stirring, for a further 11 months before bottling in February 2022. Cape Crest '21 is a blend of 87% sauvignon blanc, 9% sauvignon gris and 4% semillon.

TASTING NOTE

A bright and pale straw colour, Cape Crest Sauvignon Blanc '21 immediately offers up notes of guava, lime juice, white nectarine and white peach, that all lead into a palate exploding with tropical fruit, salinity, and a fine, crystalline acidity. The complexing notes of woodsmoke, grapefruit and juniper in Cape Crest Sauvignon Blanc '21 make it delicious now yet more than capable of ageing. Moreish and complex, a wine of immense reward.

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POINTS

LIGHT YELLOW HUE LEADS INTO A POWERFUL BOUQUET OF NUTTY, SPICY BARREL-FERMENTED AROMAS WELL MESHED WITH RIPE SAUVIGNON FRUIT AROMAS, THE PALATE LIKEWISE INTENSE AND LONG, WITH GREAT VOLUME AND CONCENTRATION AS WELL AS WONDERFUL FOCUS. A TOP BARREL FERMMENTED STYLE OF SAVVY. AT ITS BEST 2023-2032.

- HUON HOOKE, THE REAL REVIEW, JANUARY 2023

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.1
Total acidity as tartaric	7.5gpl
Alcohol	13.0%
Residual Sugar	Dry



ELSTON '21

CHARDONNAY



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.12
Total acidity as tartaric	7.7gpl
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual Sugar	Dry

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.

VINEYARDS

The superb quality of the 2021 vintage was immediately apparent in the fully ripe grapes that were hand-harvested from their separate, individual plots within Te Mata Estate's vineyards between 15 and 27 February 2021.

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, with a number going through malolactic fermentation. The finest lots were selected for further maturation, spending a total of 11 months in barrel.

TASTING NOTE

Brilliant white gold in the glass, Elston Chardonnay '21 has wonderfully intense aromas of golden peach, apricot, and lemon zest. Focused but flowing – this is a wine of precision, power, and poise. On the mouth-watering palate there's oodles of ripe, white-fleshed fruit, nougat and nutmeg, integrated fine oak tannin, and just a flick of salinity. A long line of sweet citrus acidity and ripe Hawke's Bay chardonnay fruit run through here.

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POINTS

A COMPLEX BOUQUET OF SNEAKY HINTS OF BUTTERED TOAST, ROASTED HAZELNUTS, UNDERLYING CITRUS FRUITS, LEMON AND GRAPEFRUIT. CREAMY LEES AND SHORTBREAD-LIKE MALO CHARACTERS. EXCELLENT INTENSITY OF FLAVOUR POWERED ALONG BY GREAT ACIDITY THAT REALLY DRIVES THE WINE AND PREVENTS IT BEING HEAVY. CONCENTRATION AND DRIVE IN SPADEFULS. A GENEROUS, MOUTH-FILLING CHARDONNAY WITH GREAT AMPLITUDE AND INCREDIBLE LENGTH. TIME WILL BRING INCREASED COMPLEXITY.

– HUON HOOKE, THE REAL REVIEW, JANUARY 2023



ALMA '20

PINOT NOIR



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.62
Total acidity as tartaric	5.1gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry

FIRST PLANTED IN 1999, ALMA IS THE FINEST EXPRESSION OF TE MATA ESTATE'S COMMITMENT TO GREAT NEW ZEALAND PINOT NOIR. ALMA EXPRESSES BROODING CHERRY AND DELICIOUS RIPE, DARK PLUM FLAVOURS THAT UNFURL WITH SAVOURY WILDWOOD SCENTS OF TRUFFLE AND SPICE.

VINEYARDS

Separate parcels of fully ripened pinot noir grapes were hand harvested from Te Mata Estate's Woodthorpe Vineyards between 26 and 29 February 2020.

WINEMAKING

The individual lots were each destemmed and given a traditional warm-plunged fermentation. The resulting wines underwent extended maceration on skins before pressing. The separate wines were then run to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barriques for 11 months' maturation.

TASTING NOTE

Brilliant crimson with a royal purple edge, Alma Pinot Noir '20 has an entrancing nose of wild strawberry and cherry syrup, oriental spice, sea salt and woodsmoke. The complex palate deepens into five spice, truffle, and earth notes, with just the slightest fragrance of Earl Grey tea. Bright red fruit sparkles among a filigree of tannin. Alma Pinot Noir '20 has presence and persistence throughout, with prettiness at its heart.

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POINTS

BRIGHT, DELICATELY AROMATIC PINOT NOIR WITH CASSIS, DARK PLUM, VIOLET, WOOD SMOKE AND QUITE PROMINENT SPICY OAK. THE WINE HAS AN APPEALING PURITY AND SEAMLESSNESS. IT DELIVERS POWER WITH CONSUMMATE SUBTLETY. ACCESSIBLE NOW BUT PROMISES TO AGE GRACEFULLY.

AT ITS BEST: 2022-2028

- BOB CAMPBELL MW. THE REAL REVIEW. JANUARY 2022



BULLNOSE '19

SYRAH



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.54
Total acidity as tartaric	5.4gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry

FIRST PLANTED IN 1990, THE BULLNOSE VINEYARD'S OLD RED IRON SOILS PRODUCE TE MATA ESTATE'S FINEST SYRAH. THIS WINE HAS DISTINCT FLORAL AND SPICE AROMAS, RICH FLAVOURS OF PLUM, RASPBERRY AND BLACKBERRY, WITH A VELVETY TEXTURE.

VINEYARDS

Separate parcels of fully ripened syrah grapes were hand-harvested from Te Mata Estate's Bullnose, Hotspur and Isosceles Vineyards between 3 and 17 April 2019.

WINEMAKING

The individual lots were each destemmed and given a traditional warm-plunged fermentation. The resulting wines underwent extended maceration on skins before pressing and then a secondary malolactic fermentation. The separate wines were then run to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barriques for 14 months' maturation. During this time, they were regularly topped and racked, before blending and then bottling in October 2020.

TASTING NOTE

Brilliant amethyst with a deep black core, Bullnose Syrah '19 glimmers with raspberry, ripe black cherry, and dried strawberry over lush velvet tannins. There are grace notes of black pepper, chocolate, liquorice, lilac, even char and baking spices, with the structure and elegance contributing to undeniable ageing potential. Ripe-fruited. Taut. Silky. Bullnose Syrah '19 is utter class. A black velvet beauty.

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POINTS

THE WINE EXHIBITS A GREAT DEGREE OF ELEGANCE AS WELL AS OPULENCE AND GUTSY SUBSTANCE. THE SWEETLY FRAGRANT BOUQUET SHOWS BLACK DORIS PLUM, VIOLET, CEDAR AND GAME CHARACTERS WITH A TOUCH OF PEPPER SPICE. IT'S WEIGHTY AND SUMPTUOUS ON THE PALATE DISPLAYING AWESOME FRUIT PURITY AND SILKY MOUTHFEEL, WONDERFULLY FRAMED BY LOADS OF POLISHED TANNINS. A STUNNING RENDITION OF THE VARIETY.

– SAM KIM. WINE ORBIT. FEBRUARY 2021



AWATEA '19

CABERNETS / MERLOT



FIRST MADE IN 1982, AWATEA CONTINUES TO REPRESENT THE BEST OF THE CLASSIC HAWKE'S BAY CABERNET/MERLOT BLEND. FLORAL AROMAS WITH INTENSE BLACKBERRY, CURRANT AND DARK PLUM FLAVOURS LEAD TO A RICH, SUPPLE PALATE WITH A SUSTAINED FINISH.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for Awatea '19 were hand harvested from Te Mata Estate's vineyards between 26 and 28 March 2019.

WINEMAKING

The separate parcels of grapes were destemmed before a traditional warm, plunged fermentation and extended maceration on skins. The resulting wines were then run to new and seasoned French oak barrels for 15 months' ageing. Throughout this time, they were regularly topped and racked. The separate wines were blended in January 2020, then returned to barrel for their second winter. The finished wine was then egg white fined and bottled in November 2020. The final blend is 46% cabernet sauvignon, 32% merlot, 22% cabernet franc.

TASTING NOTE

Edged with a brilliant crimson, Awatea Cabernets/Merlot '19 has a rich magenta core, with dark plum, blackberry, and lush black cherry forming the deep heart of this wine. There's grace notes of cola and cassis, bay leaf, lavender, and tapenade. Ripe acid and long tannins give a layered richness that builds in length and texture. The classic aromas of the best vintages are already present, the hallmark of age-ability. Awatea Cabernets/Merlot '19 is a resplendent vintage, and full of appeal. Best enjoyed from a large glass, with a hard cheese, and good company.

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POINTS

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.52
Total acidity as tartaric	6.0gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry

INSTANTLY SATISFYING AND INVITING ON THE NOSE, SHOWING BLACKCURRANT, DRIED HERB, FLORAL AND SPICY OAK CHARACTERS, LEADING TO A DELECTABLY EXPRESSED PALATE THAT'S FILLED WITH DARK AND RED FRUIT FLAVOURS WITH A DISCREET OAK INFUSION. OFFERING EXCELLENT STRUCTURE AND IMMENSE DRINKABILITY AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S HUGEY CHARMING AND ENTICING.

– SAM KIM, WINE ORBIT, FEBRUARY 2021

TE MATA ESTA



COLERAINE '21

THE ONE

Coleraine '21 is apex cabernet, a singular wine that could only result from a remarkable vintage. Combining an unequalled harvest, cutting-edge winemaking technology, and 127 years of fine wine pedigree, Coleraine '21 stands alone – a wine of unique provenance even by Te Mata Estate's exacting standards.

2021 was an unmatched growing season; the earliest ever bud break on Te Mata Estate's vineyards led to the earliest ever harvest. This warm, dry, and historic vintage yielded an abundance of very small berries providing great concentration, and producing wines of exceptional purity, power, tension and persistence.

The deep crimson colour of Coleraine '21, edged in royal purple, is the first clue to this wine's exceptional character. Pure Hawke's Bay cabernet aromatics leap from the glass – wild blackberry, blackcurrant, thyme, and cedar, all interwoven with that signature Coleraine perfume of fresh roses.

The palate precisely balances richness with vibrant energy; modern and varietally expressive, with cassis, raspberry, mocha, spice, and a distinctive minerality that is uniquely 2021. The fruit ripeness is so succulent, it cloaks those profound, chiselled tannins that carry the palate on endlessly. With perfume, power, finesse, and length this is an absolute original. Coleraine '21 is 'The One'.

VINEYARDS

Coleraine '21 was hand harvested from separate plots within Te Mata's vineyards between 9 and 29 March 2021.

WINEMAKING

Each parcel of grapes was destemmed before a traditional warm-plunged fermentation and extended maceration on skins. The resulting wines were then run to predominately new French oak barrels for 17 months' maturation. Throughout this time, they were regularly topped and racked. The assemblage was made in December 2021 and the finished wine was bottled in December 2022. The final blend is 56% cabernet sauvignon, 32% merlot and 12% cabernet franc.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.54
Total acidity as tartaric	5.7gpl
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual Sugar	Dry



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POINTS

DARK AND INTENSE, LOTS OF PERFUME, RED AND BLACK FRUITS, TOBACCO, A LEAFY POP THAT'S PURE VARIETAL CLASS, CREAMY OAK, LEAD PENCILS, ANISEED AND SPICE. MEDIUM TO FULL-BODIED, A FLOOD OF FLAVOUR, SUPER 'MINERAL' FEEL TO THE ACIDITY, TANNIN IS SUPERB, AND THE FINISH IS SO LONG. LIGHT BUT SO DENSE. THERE'S A FRESH RASPBERRY JUICINESS HERE TOO, AND AN EXTRA DIMENSION OF TENSION AND ENERGY. ALL THE GRAPHITE AND PRESENCE. INCREDIBLE WINE. DRINK: 2026-2045+

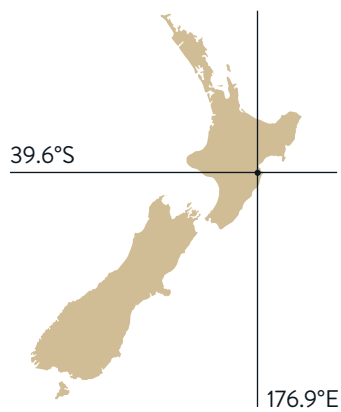
- GARY WALSH, THE WINE FRONT, NOVEMBER 2022



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POINTS

VERY DEEP BRIGHT PURPLE COLOUR; THE BOUQUET SHOWS SIMILAR MULBERRY, BLACKCURRANT AND RASPBERRY FRUIT AROMAS AS THE AWATEA BUT THE WINE IS MORE CONCENTRATED ALL-ROUND AND SHOWS A LITTLE MORE OAK (65% NEW). THERE ARE VIOLET NOTES AND A SPRINKLE OF SPICES INCLUDING NUTMEG TOO. THE TANNINS ARE MORE PERSUASIVE AND MOUTH-COATING ALSO, AND THE LENGTH IS PRODIGIOUS. A SMASHING CABERNET BLEND, AND A TOP VINTAGE FOR THIS WINE. (56% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 32% MERLOT, 12% CABERNET FRANC). DRINK: 2025-2041

- HUON HOOKE, THE REAL REVIEW, JANUARY 2023



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

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