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Winery Name	Wine Name	Region	100 pts	5 Stars
Te Mata	Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2025	Hawke's Bay	93	5
It's fabulously aromatic on the nose with notes of nectarine, fresh herbs, lemongrass, and lime zest. The palate is equally appealing with excellent vibrancy, fine texture, and bright acidity, making it mouthwatering and instantly appealing. \$25.00. www.temata.co.nz . Feb 2026.				
Te Mata	Cape Crest Sauvignon Blanc 2024	Hawke's Bay	96	5
The enticing bouquet showcases aromas of kaffir lime, mango, almond meal, and white flowers. It's wonderfully weighted and focused on the palate, delivering fleshy texture and beautifully pitched acidity, leading to a persistent, exuberant finish. It's powerfully expressed with intensity and vibrancy, while remaining harmonious and elegant, with stunning precision and a great line and length. \$35.00. www.temata.co.nz . Feb 2026.				
Te Mata	Elston Chardonnay 2024	Hawke's Bay	97	5
The wine combines generosity, complexity, and refinement. The elegantly expressed bouquet shows ripe apricot, lemon peel, oatmeal, nougat, biscotti, and fine oak characters with a hint of flint. The palate delivers an impressive drive and flow, complemented by a richly textured mouthfeel and perfectly pitched acidity, finishing expansive and engaging. \$50.00. www.temata.co.nz . Feb 2026.				
Te Mata	Alma Pinot Noir 2024	Hawke's Bay	96	5
This is sweetly fruited and seductively fragrant, revealing ripe cherry, Black Doris plum, smoked game, thyme, olive, and toasted almond characters with an Asian spice undertone. It's silky-smooth and supple in the mouth, offering a beautifully layered mouthfeel backed by finely infused tannins, making it superbly structured with a sustained, complex finish. \$70.00. www.temata.co.nz . Feb 2026.				
Te Mata	Bullnose Syrah 2024	Hawke's Bay	98	5
A glorious rendition of the variety, the enticing bouquet presents black and purple fruit purity with nuances of rich floral, warm spice, thyme, and cedar. It's wonderfully expressed on the palate, with density and power, poise and structure, plush texture, and a supple mouthfeel. Tannins are ultra-fine and in abundance, offering a sturdy grip while remaining velvety and harmonious. \$90.00. www.temata.co.nz . Feb 2026.				

Te Mata	Awatea Merlot Cabernets 2024	Hawke's Bay	96	5
This is comparable to a high-ranked Cru Classé Bordeaux, at a fraction of the price. The bouquet is classic and inviting with blackcurrant, dark cherry, tobacco, fennel, and fine oak with a floral overtone. It's mouth-filling, succulent, and supple with a silky flow and persistence. Splendidly composed and styled, and finishes impressively long and robust. \$50.00. www.temata.co.nz. Feb 2026.				
Te Mata	Coleraine 2024	Hawke's Bay	100	5
This is a masterpiece, much like a great work of art. The bouquet shows cassis, dark plum, bouquet garni, baking spice, rich floral, and cedar characters. It's concentrated with exceptional depth and mouth-coating texture, wonderfully framed by finely polished tannins. It's perfectly proportioned and gracefully powerful, combining scintillating fruit purity with seductive complexity. The wine flows seamlessly to a persistent, structured finish. \$175.00. www.temata.co.nz. Feb 2026.				

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Ratings

5 Stars	100 pts	
5	96 - 100	Exceptional quality exhibiting the highest level of concentration and complexity.
5	93 - 95	Outstanding quality showing varietal purity and exemplifying regional type.
4.5	89 - 92	Excellent quality, showing a high level of concentration and balance.
4	85 - 88	Very good quality, displaying attractive flavours and good balance.
3.5	81 - 84	Good quality, easy drinking with straightforward flavours.
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