

# 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 CABERNET/MERLOT '20

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

### VINEYARDS

The grapes for Estate Cabernet/Merlot '20 were harvested between 19 March and 1 April 2020 from Te Mata Estate's own vineyards in the Havelock Hills, Bridge Pa Triangle, Gimblett Gravels and Dartmoor 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 12 months' maturation before blending. The wines were regularly topped and raked throughout maturation, blended and traditionally egg-white fined before bottling. The final blend is 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot and 14% Cabernet Franc.

### TASTING NOTE

An intense bright-dark crimson, Estate Cabernet/Merlot '20 shows immediate ripe raspberry, wild blackberry and black plum, all set against dark chocolate and velvety tannins. Sumptuous layers of flavour run from rich fruit to sandalwood, French Vanilla, and pipe tobacco. With power, presence and length, Estate Cabernet/Merlot '20 delivers great pleasure right through its palate.

### FOOD MATCH

Estate Cabernet/Merlot is a wonderful accompaniment to hard cheeses and anything that once lived in a field.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Estate Cabernet/Merlot '20 will continue to evolve in bottle for three to six years from harvest.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.54
Total acidity as tartaric	5.8gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry



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