

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.



## **ELSTON '18**

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..

#### **ORIGIN**

Elston is named for Elston Hall in Nottinghamshire, the ancestral home of Charles Darwin's family. Darwin's 'theory of natural selection' forms the basis of modern evolutionary theory, the foundation of biology. The wyvern symbol of Elston Hall appears on the label.

#### **VINEYARDS**

The superb quality of the 2018 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 6 and 30 March 2018.

### 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 while undergoing malolactic fermentation. The finest lots were selected for further maturation, spending a total of 11 months in barrel.

#### **TASTING NOTE**

Pale lemon in colour with a brilliant, diamond-like clarity, Elston Chardonnay '18 shows captivating notes of roasted hazelnuts, cashews and citrus fruits on the nose, alongside crème brûlée and nougat. Tropical fruit, intense white peach and ripe lemon all radiate across the palate.

Elston Chardonnay '18, with its signature balance, moreish acidity and fine, lingering finish is lush and powerful. Exceptionally appealing with superb ripeness and length.

## **CELLARING POTENTIAL**

Elston '18 is bottled with leading technology 'DIAM' corks. These are produced using a liquid form of carbon dioxide which eliminates any possibility of cork taint and, when the wine is well cellared, they provide consistent evolution for every bottle. Elston '18 will continue to evolve in bottle for five years from harvest.



# TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

рН	3.23
Total acidity as tartaric	6.7gpl
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual Sugar	Dry