

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 MERLOT/CABERNET '21

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 Merlot/Cabernet '21 were harvested between 9 March and 29 March 2021 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 racked throughout maturation, blended and traditionally egg-white fined before bottling. The final blend is 49% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Cabernet Franc.

TASTING NOTE

Dark crimson with a bright purple hue, Estate Merlot/Cabernet '21 has a complex and evocative scent of plum and blackberry, with the lightest fragrance of cedar. Seamlessly integrated, the aromas deepen on the wine's palate into succulent, concentrated dark fruit with ripe, soft tannins. Structural, savoury and long, with a salivating acid/tannin balance, Estate Merlot/Cabernet '21 runs a long, perfect line between approachability and elegance.

FOOD MATCH

Estate Merlot Cabernet is a wonderful accompaniment to mushrooms, grilled meats and hard cheeses.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Estate Merlot/Cabernet '21 will continue to evolve in bottle for three to six years from harvest.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.50
Total acidity as tartaric	5.9gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry



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