

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/CABERNETS '23

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/Cabernets '23 were harvested between 28 March and 18 April 2023 from Te Mata Estate's own vineyards in the Havelock Hills, Bridge Pa Triangle, Dartmoor, Havelock North and Gimblett Gravels 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 maturation before blending. The wines were regularly topped and racked throughout maturation, blended and traditionally egg-white fined before bottling. The final blend is 61% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon and 18% Cabernet Franc.

TASTING NOTE

Showing pure crimson red Estate Merlot Cabernets '23 has a wonderfully aromatic and complex nose of red and black plums and wild berries layered with dried herbs, spice and cedar. The palate is soft and enticing, mid-weight and balanced with beautifully ripe raspberries and plum to the fore with powdery tannins and a savoury complexity finishing long and satisfying.

FOOD MATCH

Estate Merlot/Cabernets '23 is a wonderful accompaniment to mushrooms, grilled meats and hard cheeses.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Estate Merlot/Cabernets '23 will continue to evolve in bottle for five years from harvest.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.69
Total acidity as tartaric	5.4gpl
Alcohol	13.0%
Residual Sugar	Dry

