

## Te Mata Estate Cape Crest Sauvignon Blanc 2018

Cape Crest and its gannet symbol refer to Cape Kidnappers, the southern point of Hawke Bay, home to the world's largest mainland colony of these remarkable marine birds.

### The Story

Established in 1896, Te Mata Estate remains family owned, producing internationally recognised wines exclusively from its Hawke's Bay vineyards. Gifted this name by Ngāti Kahungunu, Te Mata Estate is a winery of place.

Their reputation as one of New Zealand's most outstanding wineries is based upon the quality of their flagship wines, Elston, Cape Crest, Zara, Bullnose, Awatea and Coleraine. With their complexity, structure and balance these wines reward careful cellaring through their continued evolution in bottle

### The Vineyard

All Te Mata Estate wines are produced exclusively from our own Hawke's Bay vineyards. A temperate maritime climate with low rainfall, due to the rain shadow from mountains to the west, ensures Te Mata's sites makes the most of every vintage.

At the heart of Te Mata Estate are the Havelock Hills Vineyards - the first legally-protected vineyards in New Zealand. First planted in 1892, Te Mata has five sites on these free draining, north-facing slopes. Soils to the east are mostly sandy loam over a sandstone base, and towards the west are sandy loam over a thin layer of clay and a silica pan. The distinctive shape of the hills is due to their comparative youth, in geological terms. At the meeting point of two tectonic plates, sandstone has been pushed up then worn away relatively quickly leaving a landscape of steep and gentle slopes, and terraces ideal for grape-growing.

### Winemaking

The separate parcels were each destemmed and lightly crushed, then cooled before a brief period of skin contact. Following pressing and cold-settling, they were run to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barrels for fermentation. The resulting wines were aged on lees, with regular stirring, for a further eight months before bottling in December 2018. The blend was returned to tank for further maturation on fine lees, before fining and bottling.



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### Tasting Note

Pale lemon with flecks of lime-green, Cape Crest Sauvignon Blanc '18 overflows with tropical fruit and rich, succulent acidity. Aromatic notes of fresh lime, gooseberry, lychee and pineapple, give way on the palate to juicy pear, ripe grapefruit, citrus blossom and subtle char and fennel notes. A unique New Zealand sauvignon blanc style, Cape Crest '18 is exotic, complex, long and simply saturated with ripe, fresh, lush fruit flavours.


<b>Alcohol Percentage</b>	<b>13.5 %</b>
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	<b>Dry</b>
<b>T.A.</b>	<b>7.0 g/L</b>
<b>Aging Potential</b>	<b>7+ years</b>
<b>Varieties</b>	<b>90% Sauvignon Blanc, 6% Semillon and 4% Sauvignon Gris.</b>



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