

Te Mata Estate Gamay Noir 2019

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.

Nestled between sheltering hills on a series of elevated, free-draining terraces that step down to the Tutaekuri River Valley - Woodthorpe Terraces is one of Hawke's Bay's hidden gems. A special place uniquely positioned for fine wine-growing, this historic 220-hectare property has sandy loam over gravel soils left behind as the Tutaekuri River eroded its path through the hills to the sea. First planted in 1994, Woodthorpe produces viognier and gamay noir as single-vineyard wines, as well as holding our largest plantings of merlot, syrah, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc.

Winemaking

The unique 'maceration carbonique' fermentation, which enhances the fruit and floral aromas of the wine, was used for 44% of the grapes. The other 56% received a traditional, warm, red wine fermentation. The resulting wines completed their malolactic fermentation and were matured for seven weeks in seasoned French oak barrels, before blending and bottling.

Tasting Note

Candy-apple red with lifted notes of ripe strawberry and bright maraschino cherry, Estate Vineyards Gamay Noir '19 sparkles with Hawke's Bay summer fruit. Saturated raspberry on the palate is juicy and sustained with silky, round tannins, accompanied by a fine dusting of liquorice and white pepper. Red-ripe fruit, crunchy acidity, and a fresh and intense style means Estate Vineyards Gamay Noir '19 overflows with instant appeal.



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Alcohol Percentage	13 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	5.1 g/L
Aging Potential	3 years



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