

Te MATA

ESTATE 1896

2021 BULLNOSE SYRAH, HAWKE'S BAY



WINERY

Established in 1896, Te Mata Estate remains family owned, producing internationally recognized wines exclusively from its Hawke's Bay vineyards, located on New Zealand's North Island. Te Mata Estate is home to New Zealand's oldest vineyards and wine cellars with over 125 years of continuous wine production.

WINE

First planted in 1990, the Bullnose Vineyard's old red iron soils produce Te Mata Estate's finest Syrah. These are New Zealand's second oldest plantings of Syrah. This vineyard is blended with fruit from Te Mata's Isosceles and Hotspur Vineyards which add structure and acidity to the finished wine. This wine has distinct floral and spice aromas, rich flavors of plum, raspberry and blackberry, with a velvety texture.

VINEYARDS

Separate parcels of fully ripened syrah grapes were hand harvested from Te Mata Estate's Bullnose, Isosceles and Hotspur Vineyards on March 25th and 26th, 2021.

VINTAGE NOTES

A historically early vintage that was warm and dry produced low crops with tiny berries, creating exceptional wines with fragrance, tension, purity, power, and persistence... these are so appealing, the tricky part will be having the patience to enjoy them at their peak!

WINEMAKING

The individual lots were each destemmed and given a traditional warm-plunged fermentation. The resulting wines underwent extended maceration on skins before pressing and then a secondary malolactic fermentation. The separate wines were then run to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barriques for 16 months' maturation. During this time, they were regularly topped and raked, before blending and then bottling in November 2022.

TASTING NOTES

Magnificent deep magenta, Bullnose '21 entices with floral fragrance of lavender, violets and a dusting of cardamon and cinnamon developing on the palate into black cherry syrup, boysenberry and Turkish delight. Grace notes of char, truffle and pink peppercorns appear in layer upon layer of velvet tannins that run from front to back in the wine - extending the mid-palate presence into a long, sustained finish of saturated and spiced red berries. Bullnose '21 is endlessly enchanting from every angle.

VINEYARD

Region:	New Zealand
Appellation:	Hawke's Bay
Soil:	Silty loam soils with gravel deposits
Vine Age:	Up to 30 years old
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Syrah
Barrel Aging:	16 months in new and seasoned French oak barrels

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	5.5 g/L
pH:	3.61