

Te MATA

ESTATE 1896

2021 ELSTON CHARDONNAY, 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 130 years of continuous wine production. The Buck family were drawn to the estate in 1974, and today, the family continues their pursuit to deliver internationally acclaimed, estate-grown wines of classical style, which represent the best qualities of their variety, vintage and vineyard.

WINE

Produced since 1984, Elston Chardonnay is sourced exclusively from Te Mata Estate's oldest vineyards on the hillsides above the winery. Elston is named for Elston Hall in Nottinghamshire, the ancestral home of Charles Darwin's family. The wyvern symbol of Elston Hall appears on the label.

VINEYARDS

Elston Chardonnay is sourced exclusively from Te Mata Estate's oldest vineyards in Havelock Hills. First planted in 1892, the Havelock Hills are the heart of Te Mata Estate's wine production. Te Mata Estate has five sites on these free draining, north-facing slopes, including the 1892 vineyard – one of New Zealand's oldest vineyards, originally called the Hill Block. Soils to the east of the property are predominantly sandy loam over a sandstone base. Towards the west are sandy loam over clay and silica. The distinctive terrain lies at the intersections of two tectonic plates, which has paved the landscape of steep and gentle

sloping terraces, ideal for grape-growing. In 1996 the Havelock Hills area was recognized for the significance of its natural and viticultural heritage when it was designated the Te Mata Special Character Zone. This legally protected the hills from development and created the first wine appellation in New Zealand.

VINTAGE NOTES

A historically early vintage that was warm and dry, producing 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

Each parcel was gently whole-cluster pressed, cold settled and racked to new and seasoned French oak barrels for fermentation. The resulting wines remained in contact with their yeast lees, with a number going through malolactic fermentation. The finest lots were selected for further maturation, spending a total of 11 months in barrel.

TASTING NOTES

Brilliant white gold in the glass, Elston Chardonnay '21 has wonderfully intense aromas of golden peach, apricot, and lemon zest. Focused but flowing – this is a wine of precision, power, and poise. On the mouth-watering palate there's oodles of ripe, white-fleshed fruit, nougat and nutmeg, integrated fine oak tannin, and just a flick of salinity. A long line of sweet citrus acidity and ripe Hawke's Bay chardonnay fruit run through here.



VINEYARD

Region:	New Zealand
Appellation:	Hawke's Bay
Soil:	Sandy loam over sandstone; some areas with clay and silica
Age:	Up to 42 year old vines
Clone:	Predominately 548
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable; Regenerative Farming Practices

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Chardonnay
Barrel Aging:	11 months in French oak barrels; 33% new oak

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	14%
Total Acidity:	7.7 g/L
pH:	3.12

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