# Te MATA



# 2025 ESTATE GAMAY NOIR, 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 of delivering internationally acclaimed, estate grown wines of classical style.

#### WINE

Sourced exclusively from Te Mata's estate vineyards. The estate wines represent the best qualities of their variety, vintage, and Hawke's Bay origin.

# **VINEYARDS**

In 1995, Te Mata Estate introduced to New Zealand a superior selection of Gamay Noir à Jus Blanc, the grape variety of the best wines of France's Beaujolais region. The Estate Gamay Noir is a single vineyard wine from Te Mata Estate's Woodthorpe Terraces vineyard, harvested from March 14th to 22nd, 2025. Woodthorpe Terraces is nestled between sheltering hills on elevated, free-draining, north-facing terraces in Hawke's Bay Dartmoor Valley. The soils, which were left behind as the Tutaekuri River eroded its path through the hills to the sea, are mainly alluvial stone, clay and sandy loam. Vineyard planting began in 1994 and

today Woodthorpe Terraces has 75 hectares under vine, planted to number of varietals and is the winery's sole source for Gamay Noir.

# **VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2025 vintage in Hawke's Bay is widely celebrated as exceptional, with warm, dry conditions and an early harvest yielding pristine, early-ripening fruit. The reds are expressive and refined, marked by lifted aromatics, vibrant acidity, and beautifully balanced alcohol.

#### WINEMAKING

The unique 'maceration carbonique' fermentation, which enhances the fruit and floral aromas of the wine, was used for 68% of the grapes. The other 32% received a traditional, warm, red wine fermentation. The resulting wines completed their malolactic fermentation and were matured for eight weeks in seasoned French oak barrels, before blending and bottling.

## **TASTING NOTES**

Deep ruby with a bright purple rim, Estate Gamay Noir '25 bursts with candied cherry, Turkish delight, and bubble gum aromas. The palate delivers ripe raspberry and cherry syrup framed by powdery tannins, while subtle cinnamon and nutmeg add warmth and structure to the juicy, moreish finish.

#### VINEYARD

Region: New Zealand
Appellation: Hawke's Bay

Soil: Alluvial stone, clay and sandy loam

Vine Age: Vines up to 30 years old

**Eco-Practices:** Sustainable; Regenerative Agriculture

## WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Gamay Noir

Aging: Short aging of eight weeks in seasoned

french oak barrels

# **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

 Alcohol:
 13%

 Total Acidity:
 5.2 g/L

 pH:
 3.64

