

# Te MATA

ESTATE 1896

## 2024 ALMA PINOT NOIR, HAWKE'S BAY



### THE 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.

### THE WINE

Alma is the finest expression of Te Mata Estate's commitment to great New Zealand Pinot Noir. Alma honors Dr James Thomson, a hero of the 1854 Battle of the Alma and forebear of Te Mata Estate's Buck family. A surgeon during the Crimean War, Thomson volunteered to treat wounded enemy soldiers stricken with cholera, saving more than 400 lives and ultimately sacrificing his own. The medal awarded for this extraordinary act of courage is depicted on the label of Alma Pinot Noir. The Alma Pinot Noir is a site specific, single vineyard wine from Te Mata Estate's Woodthorpe Terraces Vineyard.

### VINEYARDS

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.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2024 vintage was defined by a dry winter and a warm, dry growing season that naturally delivered low yields and small berries. Above average heat accumulation allowed fruit to ripen evenly while preserving freshness and varietal definition. An early, extended harvest under dry conditions produced Pinot Noir with deep color, fine extract, and exceptional purity. The resulting wines show precision and balance, with savory umami notes, natural acidity, polished tannins, and a clear expression of place.

### WINEMAKING

The individual lots were each destemmed and given a traditional warm-plunged fermentation. The resulting wines underwent extended maceration on skins before pressing. The separate wines were then run to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barriques for 10 months' maturation.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2024 Alma Pinot Noir shows a vibrant cherry-red hue with a purple tint and expressive aromas of redcurrant, strawberry, raspberry, and fresh prune, layered with violet, thyme, sage, and chai spice. The palate is velvety and balanced, with dark cherry and ripe plum flavors framed by powdery tannins and subtle notes of licorice and mulberry, finishing long and spiced.

### VINEYARD

Region:	New Zealand
Appellation:	Hawke's Bay
Soil:	Alluvial stone, clay and sandy loam
Clone:	777, 943, 828, UCD5 and MV6
Age/Exposure:	25 year old vines; Rows are planted in a North South direction
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable; Regenerative Agriculture

### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Pinot Noir
Barrel Aging:	10 months in a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barrels; predominately Saint Martin and Mercurey (38% new).

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	14%
Total Acidity:	5.3 g/L
pH:	3.68