

Te MATA

ESTATE 1896



2022 CAPE CREST SAUVIGNON BLANC

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

Since 1984, Cape Crest has developed an international following for its unique expression of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. Barrel fermented, with a touch of Semillon and Sauvignon Gris, it is concentrated and complex with toast, citrus blossom, pear and stonefruit characters. Cape Crest and its gannet symbol refer to Cape Kidnappers, the southern point of Hawke Bay, home to the world's largest mainland colony of these remarkable marine birds.

VINEYARDS

The fully ripe grapes for Cape Crest '22 were hand harvested from individual plots within Te Mata Estate's vineyards between February 28 and March 13, 2022.

VINTAGE NOTES

A memorable, incredibly early vintage. A challenging harvest with two large rain events leading to some early picks from fragile crops. It resulted in wines with great varietal expression, restraint, tension, power, and length.

WINEMAKING

The separate parcels were each destemmed and lightly crushed, then cooled before a brief period of skin contact. Following pressing and cold-settling, they were run to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barrels for fermentation. The resulting wines were aged on lees, with regular stirring, for a further 11 months before bottling in February 2023.

TASTING NOTES

Radiating a mesmerizing white-gold hue adorned with shimmering green lights, Cape Crest Sauvignon Blanc '22 bursts with its signature perfume – vibrant concentrated nectarine, grapefruit and lime zest with lemongrass, guava and subtle toast notes. The palate broadens into ripe stone fruit and herbal seasoning, developing remarkable richness. A balanced weight and crystalline acidity add to the immense fruit concentration and long savory, saline finish. An embodiment of excellence.

VINEYARD

Region:	New Zealand
Appellation:	Hawke's Bay
Soil:	Silty loam top soil with red gravel and iron deposits underneath; well draining
Age:	30+ year old vines
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	88% sauvignon blanc, 7% sauvignon gris and 5% semillon
Barrel Aging:	11 months on lees, with regular stirring, in a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barrels

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	13%
Total Acidity:	7.0 g/L
pH:	3.32

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