



# 2022 COLERAINE, 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, with a desire to produce Bordeaux- and Northern Rhone-inspired wines. Today, the family continues this pursuit, delivering internationally acclaimed, estate-grown wines of classical style, which represent the best qualities of their variety, vintage and vineyard.

#### **WINE**

First produced in 1982, Coleraine is New Zealand's most famous red wine. Coleraine derives its name from the Coleraine vineyard, home of John and Wendy Buck of Te Mata Estate. John's late grandfather was born in Coleraine in Northern Ireland and the name has been maintained through the family home to the wine. A single vineyard wine until 1989, Coleraine today is an assemblage of the finest barrels produced from distinct plots within Te Mata Estate's oldest Havelock Hills vineyards first planted in 1892.

## **VINEYARDS**

Coleraine 2022 was hand-harvested from Te Mata's Havelock Hills vineyards, the heart of the estate, in March 2022. These five north-facing sites, including the historic

1892 vineyard, feature diverse soils—sandy loam over sandstone in the east, and clay with silica in the west. In 1996, this site was designated New Zealand's first wine appellation: the Te Mata Special Character Zone.

## **VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2022 vintage was remarkably early and memorable, marked by a warm, dry winter leading to the earliest veraison in 30 years. Early summer rains supported vine growth before intense heat produced small, balanced berries. Late rain, careful vineyard work and regenerative practices yielded deeply colored, complex, well-structured wines of outstanding quality.

#### WINEMAKING

Each parcel of grapes was destemmed before a traditional warm-plunged fermentation and extended maceration on skins. The resulting wines were then run to predominately new French oak barrels for 17 months' maturation. The assemblage was made in December 2022 and the finished wine was bottled in December 2023.

## **TASTING NOTES**

The Coleraine 2022 is a bold, expressive release, capturing the depth and complexity that have defined Te Mata Cabernet Sauvignon since 1982. Floral notes of lavender and violet lift aromas of plum and blackcurrant, layered over a dark, savory core of graphite, nori, and tobacco. The palate is concentrated and vibrant, with fine tannins, fresh tension, and refined precision. A seamless blend of heritage and innovation, it's a statement wine that lingers well beyond the final sip.

## **VINEYARD**

Region: New Zealand
Appellation: Hawke's Bay

Soil: Sandy loam over sandstone;

some areas with clay and silica

Age/Exposure: Oldest vines planted in 1970s;

North facing exposure

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

## WINEMAKING

Varietals: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon,

13% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc

Barrel Aging: 17 months in French oak barrels; 70% new oak

## **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

Alcohol: 13.5%
Total Acidity: 6.0 g/L
pH: 3.65
RS: Dry

