

# Te MATA

ESTATE 1896

## 2022 BULLNOSE SYRAH, 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 planted in 1990, the Bullnose Vineyard's old red iron soils produce Te Mata Estate's finest Syrah. These are New Zealand's second oldest plantings of Syrah. This vineyard is blended with fruit from Te Mata's Isosceles and Hotspur Vineyards which add structure and acidity to the finished wine. The wine is named Bullnose after an early Morris Cowley car, which was nicknamed Bullnose due to its distinctive radiator. The bull emblem that appears on the wine label is drawn from the car's radiator crest.

### VINEYARDS

Separate parcels of fully ripened syrah grapes were hand harvested from Te Mata Estate's Bullnose, Isosceles and Hotspur Vineyards on March 12th and 20th, 2022 which

lie within the Gimblett Gravels and Pridge PA Triangle sub-regions of Hawke's Bay.

### 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

The individual lots were destemmed and warm-fermented with traditional plunging, followed by extended skin maceration and malolactic fermentation. The wines matured for 11 months in new and seasoned French oak barriques, with regular topping and racking, before blending and bottling in August 2023.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Bullnose Syrah shows its signature vibrant magenta hue with a purple rim and an expressive nose of dianthus, freesia, raspberry, black cherry, and hints of cola. The rich, plush palate mirrors the concentrated berry fruit, supported by superfine tannins and a refined, refreshing finish. Elegant and fragrant, it balances depth and modern precision with hallmark Bullnose finesse.



### VINEYARD

Region:	New Zealand
Appellation:	Hawke's Bay
Soil:	Silty loam soils with gravel deposits
Vine Age:	Up to 32 years old
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable; Regenerative Farming Practices

### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Syrah
Barrel Aging:	11 months in new and seasoned French oak barrels (33% new oak)

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	13%
Total Acidity:	5.6 g/L
pH:	3.57
RS:	Dry