

Te MATA

ESTATE 1896



2024 ESTATE CHARDONNAY, 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, estategrown 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

The grapes for the 2024 Estate Chardonnay were harvested between February 26th and March 21st, 2024 from Te Mata Estate's own vineyards in the Woodthorpe Terraces, Bridge Pa Triangle and Havelock Hills sub-regions of Hawke's Bay.

VINTAGE NOTES

2024 was exceptional but small. After flowering and fruit set, the ripening conditions were fantastic. With the vines carrying less fruit, the remaining clusters had real vibrancy, fruit expression and deep concentration and complexity.

WINEMAKING

The 2024 Estate Chardonnay combines the best of traditional and modern winemaking. This involved tank fermentation to preserve the vibrant varietal aromas and clear, fresh fruit expression along with some barrel fermentation, barrel maturation on gross lees, and malolactic fermentation to enhance the complexity, richness and integration.

TASTING NOTES

The Estate Chardonnay '24 glows with a white gold hue and pale honey highlights. Aromas of warm peach cobbler, marzipan, flint, and tarragon lead into a palate layered with peach, lemon rind, and buttered popcorn. Bright acidity adds lift and length, while the signature racy freshness of Hawke's Bay Chardonnay brings balance and finesse, making this vintage a true standout.

VINEYARD

Region: New Zealand
Appellation: Hawke's Bay
Soil: Silty loam with gravel deposits
Eco-Practices: Sustainable; Regenerative Agriculture

WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Chardonnay
Barrel Aging: 11 months in new and seasoned French oak barrels (15% new)

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 13.5%
Total Acidity: 5.3 g/L
pH: 3.51
RS: Dry