

Te MATA

ESTATE 1896

ESTABLISHED IN 1896, TE MATA ESTATE REMAINS FAMILY OWNED, PRODUCING INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED WINES EXCLUSIVELY FROM ITS HISTORIC, HAWKE'S BAY VINEYARDS

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AWATEA '23

FIRST MADE IN 1982, AWATEA CONTINUES TO REPRESENT THE BEST OF THE CLASSIC HAWKE'S BAY CABERNET/MERLOT BLEND. FLORAL AROMAS WITH INTENSE BLACKBERRY, CURRANT AND DARK PLUM FLAVOURS LEAD TO A RICH, SUPPLE PALATE WITH A SUSTAINED FINISH.

ORIGIN

Awatea takes its name from the historic ship SS Awatea (a Maori word meaning 'Eye of the Dawn') that sailed the Auckland – Sydney – Wellington route in the late 1930s. The Awatea was requisitioned as troop transport in WWII and was sunk off Algeria in 1942.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for Awatea Cabernets/Merlot '23 were hand harvested from Te Mata Estate's Hawke's Bay vineyards between 4 and 18 April 2023.

WINEMAKING

The separate parcels of grapes were destemmed before a traditional warm-plunged fermentation and extended maceration on skins. The resulting wines were then run to new and seasoned French oak barrels for 15 months. Throughout this time, they were regularly topped and racked. The separate wines were blended in October 2023, then returned to barrel for their second winter. The finished wine was then egg white fined and bottled in November 2024. The final blend is 33% cabernet sauvignon, 52% merlot and 15% cabernet franc.

TASTING NOTE

With a gleaming crimson core and ruby rim, Awatea Cabernets/Merlot '23 is enticingly perfumed with blackberry, bay, violets, and vanilla. The satisfying palate is detailed, poised and texturally rewarding, interplaying plum, black olive and sandalwood notes with salinity, refreshing acidity and bright tannin length. It has a captivating elegance that is classically Te Mata.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Awatea Cabernets/Merlot '23 is closed with a Diam cork, allowing continued evolution in bottle for 10 years from harvest.



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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.70
Total acidity as tartaric	5.4gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry