



ESTABLISHED IN 1896, TE MATA ESTATE IS NEW ZEALAND'S OLDEST WINERY
AND REMAINS FAMILY OWNED, PRODUCING INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED WINES
EXCLUSIVELY FROM ITS HAWKES BAY VINEYARDS.

AWATEA '08



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

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 a troop transport in WWII and was sunk off Algeria in 1942.

The grapes for Awatea '08 were hand harvested from Te Mata Estate's vineyards between 22 March and 4 April 2008. 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 20 months' ageing. Throughout this time they were regularly topped and racked. The separate wines were blended in January 2009, then returned to barrel for their second winter. The finished wine was then egg white fined and bottled in December 2009.

Awatea '08 has a dark crimson colour with fragrant aromas of blackberry, cherry, lavender and cedar. The palate is layered and complex, with fresh blackberry and raspberry flavours to the fore and ripe firm tannins on the finish.

Awatea '08 is a blend of 44% cabernet sauvignon, 33% merlot, 16% cabernet franc, and 7% petit verdot. It will continue to evolve in bottle, providing great enjoyment between 4 and 8 years from harvest. It is a natural partner for savoury red meat dishes and hard cheeses.

Technical Analysis at bottling

pH	3.57
Total acidity as tartaric	6.1g/l
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry

Bottle Barcode

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Sustainable Winegrowing
New Zealand accredited.
This wine is made in a
traditional manner and fined
with egg white. It contains no
added tannin.

