



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 '09



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 '09 were hand harvested from Te Mata Estate's vineyards between 19 March and 14 April 2009. 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 18 months' ageing. Throughout this time, they were regularly topped and racked. The separate wines were blended in January 2010, then returned to barrel for their second winter. The finished wine was then egg white fined and bottled in November 2010.

Awatea '09 has a deep crimson colour, with lifted floral, ripe blackberry cedar and spice aromas. The palate is laden with rich dark cherry, chocolate and Provence herb flavours, with a fine, persistent tannin finish.

Te Mata Estate believes this to be the finest Awatea it has produced to date.

Awatea '09 is a blend of 45% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot and 15% cabernet franc. It will continue to evolve in bottle, providing great enjoyment up to 10 years from harvest. It is a natural partner for savoury red meat dishes and hard cheeses.

#### Technical Analysis at bottling

|                           |        |
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| pH                        | 3.56   |
| Total acidity as tartaric | 5.7g/l |
| Alcohol                   | 13.5%  |
| Residual Sugar            | Dry    |

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

