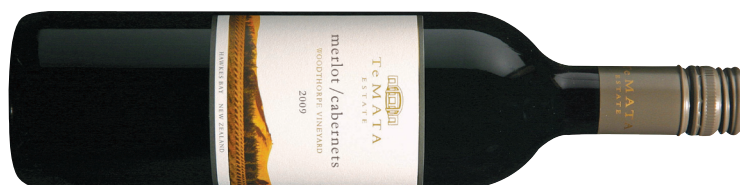




ESTABLISHED IN 1896, TE MATA ESTATE IS NEW ZEALAND'S OLDEST WINERY
AND REMAINS FAMILY OWNED, PRODUCING INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED WINES
EXCLUSIVELY FROM ITS HAWKES BAY VINEYARDS.

WOODTHORPE MERLOT/CABERNETS '09



TE MATA ESTATE'S WOODTHORPE VINEYARD IS A LARGE SINGLE VINEYARD ON ELEVATED RIVER TERRACES, ANGLED TO THE SUN.

THIS TRADITIONAL BLEND OF MERLOT, CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND CABERNET FRANC IS A COMPLEX AND REWARDING WINE SHOWING RIPE BLACKCURRANT, PLUM AND CHOCOLATE FLAVOURS WITH A SUPPLE AND SUSTAINED PALATE.

Te Mata Estate is New Zealand's leading producer of cabernet/merlot blends; a reputation founded since 1982, upon the excellence of our flagship wine, Coleraine. The same quality grapegrowing and winemaking applies to Woodthorpe Merlot/Cabernets, our largest selling wine. Its popularity stems from its accessible, ripe fruit flavours, combined with an elegant palate structure, a hallmark of all Te Mata Estate's wines.

The individual parcels of each variety, from each plot, were destemmed and given a warm, plunged fermentation with extended maceration on skins. The resulting wines were run off to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barrels for 19 months' maturation. The barrels were regularly topped and racked before blending and egg white fining prior to bottling.

Te Mata Estate Woodthorpe Merlot/Cabernets '09 has a dark ruby colour with aromas of ripe blackberry, blueberry, cedar and spiced fruitcake. The palate is rounded and generous, with lovely fruit richness supported by ripe powdery tannins, giving structure and length to the long finish.

Te Mata Estate Woodthorpe Merlot/Cabernets '09 is a blend of 46% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 11% Petit Verdot. It is a wonderful accompaniment to savoury red meats dishes and hard white cheeses, and will continue to evolve in bottle for 3-6 years from harvest.

Technical Analysis at bottling

pH	3.57
Total acidity as tartaric	5.8gpl
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.

