

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 '18

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

VINEYARDS

The grapes for Awatea '18 were hand harvested from Te Mata Estate's vineyards between 25 March and 20 April 2018.

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 16 months' ageing. Throughout this time, they were regularly topped and raked. The separate wines were blended in January 2019, then returned to barrel for their second winter. The finished wine was then egg white fined and bottled in October 2019. The final blend is 48% cabernet sauvignon, 37% merlot, 15% cabernet franc.

TASTING NOTE

Dark and bright, Awatea Cabernets/Merlot '18 is an inky purple with an electric crimson edge. From a warm and dry vintage, Awatea '18 shows ripe blackberry and blackcurrant aromatics with elements of vanilla creme and sandalwood. On the palate there's a banquet of plum, raspberry, dried herbs and lingering dark cherry, set out across cedar and cocoa powder tannins. Classical in structure, with fine balance and length, Awatea Cabernets/Merlot '18 is resplendent in its purity and detail.



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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

pH	3.58
Total acidity as tartaric	5.9gpl
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry