



Te Mata

With a focus on elegance and clarity, the Estate Sauvignon Blanc is perfect for early enjoyment but has the potential to develop complexity with short-term aging.



Alcohol :12,50 %

Composition: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2022

Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Region and Vineyards

The grapes for **Te Mata Estate Sauvignon Blanc** were sourced from **Te Mata's own vineyards** in **Hawke's Bay**, specifically from the subregions of **Bridge Pā Triangle**, **Dartmoor**, and the **Havelock Hills**. These areas benefit from **warm maritime climates** and **free-draining soils**, which allow for the development of ripe fruit with balanced acidity. The vineyards are carefully managed to preserve the unique characteristics of the site, producing **Sauvignon Blanc** grapes of exceptional quality .

Hawke's Bay, situated on New Zealand's **North Island**, is well-known for its **long, warm growing seasons**, ideal for creating wines with rich flavors and refreshing acidity. The diverse soil structures in the area, especially the **alluvial soils** of Bridge Pā, give the Sauvignon Blanc an expressive range of fruity and mineral qualities.

Winemaking

This vintage was crafted with minimal intervention to highlight the natural aromas and flavors of the Sauvignon Blanc grapes. The hand-harvested grapes were **chilled and gently pressed**, with the juice being **cold-settled** before fermentation. Fermentation occurred in **stainless steel tanks**, ensuring that the wine retains its bright fruit flavors and crisp acidity. This careful approach resulted in a wine that showcases the pure, fresh expression of **Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc** .

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Clear, brilliant, and crystalline, with a vibrant pale golden hue.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of **lime**, **passionfruit**, **guava**, and **honeydew melon** leap from the glass, providing a powerful representation of New Zealand's classic Sauvignon Blanc style.
- **Palate:** Rich, layered, and juicy, with a **moreish acidity** that runs through the wine, leading to a refreshing, mouth-watering finish. Flavors of **tropical fruits** and **citrus** dominate, making the palate lively and vibrant.



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Did You Know?

Te Mata Estate, established in **1896**, is one of New Zealand's oldest family-owned wineries and has become internationally recognized for its premium wines. The estate continues to produce wines exclusively from its historic vineyards, with a focus on creating wines that represent the best qualities of their variety and region .

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Salads with citrus vinaigrette:** The wine's citrus and tropical fruit flavors complement the freshness of salads, especially those with tangy dressings.
- **Seafood dishes:** Perfect with dishes like **grilled prawns** or **seared scallops**, where the acidity and brightness of the wine enhance the delicate flavors of the seafood.
- **Sushi:** The wine's acidity balances the umami richness of sushi, while its tropical fruit notes complement the freshness of the fish.
- **Lightly spiced Asian cuisine:** The fruity and refreshing character of the Sauvignon Blanc pairs well with mildly spiced dishes, like **Vietnamese spring rolls** or **Thai green curry** .

Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2022)



The 2022 Estate Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc has been fully tank fermented, no solids, but it was left on the lees post-ferment for texture. There are notes of cheesecloth, pineapple lumps, Pink Lady apples and saline acidity. It's fleshy, with preserved citrus, juicy acidity and plenty of brine, then sugar snap peas, Nashi pears and a hint of guava/lychee. The fruit was sourced totally from the estate vineyards in Hawkes Bay; Havelock Hills, Gimblett Gravels and Dartmoor. 12.7% alcohol.

James Suckling (JS) : 92 Points (2022)



An inviting nose of green apples, pears, lime and dragon fruit. Medium-bodied with supple texture. Elegant and refined with an array of fresh apple and citrus fruit and a succinct finish. Sustainable.

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 91 Points (2020)



This Hawke's Bay wine from historic Te Mata winery is a few bucks more than your average New Zealand SB. It's worth every penny. With depth and balance, it opens with notes of lime zest, fresh peach, beeswax, bell pepper and heaps of dried green herbs. Roll this around on your tongue for a while and savor all those fruity, herbal flavors rumbling around amid a chalky mouthfeel and crisp acidity. It's very young still but a few more months in the bottle should settle it down nicely.

