



# Te Mata

The Te Mata Estate Chardonnay is a refined expression of New Zealand's Hawke's Bay terroir, offering a balance of rich fruit flavors, elegant acidity, and complex layers of oak integration.



## Estate Chardonnay 2021

Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

### Region and Vineyards

The grapes for the **Te Mata Estate Chardonnay** were harvested between **15 February and 2 March 2021** from the estate's vineyards in the **Woodthorpe Terraces**, **Bridge Pā Triangle**, and **Havelock Hills** subregions of **Hawke's Bay**. These vineyards benefit from the region's **warm maritime climate** and **well-draining soils**, which allow the grapes to develop rich, ripe flavors while maintaining fresh acidity.

Hawke's Bay is known for producing some of New Zealand's most acclaimed Chardonnays due to its ideal climate conditions and diverse terroir. The proximity to both the **Pacific Ocean** and **mountain ranges** creates a balanced climate, perfect for the slow ripening of Chardonnay grapes.

### Winemaking

The **Te Mata Estate Chardonnay** was made using a combination of **tank fermentation** to preserve fresh varietal aromas and vibrant fruit expression, alongside some **barrel fermentation** and **barrel maturation** on lees. This process included **malolactic fermentation**, which adds richness and complexity, integrating the wine's flavors harmoniously.

The combination of these techniques results in a wine that showcases both **clarity** and **complexity**. The influence of time in oak barrels enhances the depth of flavor while maintaining a clean, bright fruit character.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** A pale gold with brilliant clarity.
- **Aroma:** On the nose, the wine bursts with aromas of **ripe grapefruit**, **lemon**, **white peach**, and **pineapple**, accompanied by notes of **freshly baked sourdough**.
- **Palate:** The palate reveals a rich texture, with flavors of **roast cashew**, **nougat**, and **cinnamon**, balanced by vibrant acidity and a savory hint of **sea salt**. The finish is long and sustained, showcasing the wine's intensity and detail.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Chardonnay



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### Did You Know?

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**Te Mata Estate**, founded in **1896**, is one of New Zealand's oldest family-owned wineries. It remains committed to producing **estate-grown and estate-bottled wines**, focusing exclusively on vineyards located in **Hawke's Bay**.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Grilled seafood:** The wine's bright acidity and complex flavors make it an ideal match for dishes like **grilled lobster** or **pan-seared scallops**.
- **Roast chicken with herbs:** The wine's balance of richness and acidity complements the savory flavors of herb-roasted chicken.
- **Creamy pasta dishes:** The Chardonnay's buttery notes pair well with **creamy pastas** such as fettuccine Alfredo.
- **Soft cheeses:** The wine's complex palate matches perfectly with **brie** or **Camembert**.



#### Robert Parker (RP) : **92 Points** (2016)

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*Classic scents of toasted hazelnuts and grilled peaches emerge on the nose of the 2016 Elston Chardonnay. It's completely barrel fermented and aged in a mix of used and new French oak, but this medium-bodied wine doesn't seem overoaked at all, as bright, citrusy beams of fruit shine on the long, elegant finish.*



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