

Te Mata

The 2019 Bullnose Syrah offers a beautifully layered combination of blackberry , liquorice , and peppery spice , balanced by floral notes and a rich, lingering finish. This is a wine that embodies the sophistication of Hawke's Bay Syrah , with great aging potential.

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Bullnose Syrah 2019

Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Region and Vineyards

The **Te Mata Bullnose Syrah 2019** is sourced from some of the finest Syrah blocks in **Hawke's Bay**, including the **Bullnose**, **Hotspur**, and **Isosceles vineyards**. The **Bullnose vineyard**, first planted in **1990**, sits on old **red iron-rich soils** that contribute to the wine's structure and intensity. These soils, combined with the **warm maritime climate** of Hawke's Bay, allow the Syrah grapes to ripen slowly, developing depth and complexity while retaining bright acidity.

The **2019 vintage** was particularly favorable, with warm, dry conditions that enabled the grapes to reach full ripeness. This provided the perfect balance of fruit concentration and tannin structure, resulting in a wine with both power and elegance.

Winemaking

The grapes for the **2019 Bullnose Syrah** were hand-harvested between **3 and 17 April 2019**, ensuring optimal ripeness. After **destemming**, the fruit underwent a **traditional warm-plunged fermentation**, followed by an **extended maceration** on the skins to enhance color, tannins, and flavor extraction. The wine was then transferred to **French oak barrels**—a combination of new and seasoned oak—for **14 months of maturation**.

During this period, the wine was regularly **topped and racked**, ensuring the full integration of flavors and structure. A small amount of **malolactic fermentation** added to the wine's creamy texture and overall balance. The wine was bottled in **October 2020**, following its extended aging in oak .

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Brilliant amethyst with a deep, dark core.
- **Aroma**: The nose reveals a mix of **raspberry**, **black cherry**, and **dried strawberry**, intertwined with floral notes of **violet** and spicy hints of **black pepper** and **liquorice**.
- **Palate**: The palate is rich and opulent, with flavors of **plum**, **blackberry**, and **dark chocolate**, complemented by notes of **lilac**, **baking spices**, and **sandalwood**. The texture is velvety, with ripe tannins providing structure and balance. The wine finishes long and complex, with both intensity and refinement.
- **Finish**: Elegant and long, marked by fine-grained tannins and a spicy, lingering aftertaste.

Did You Know?

The name **Bullnose** is derived from a vintage **Morris Cowley** car, affectionately nicknamed “Bullnose” because of its distinctive radiator design. The emblem of the bull on the label comes from the car's **radiator crest**, adding a touch of history and character to the wine .

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled lamb chops**: The richness of the lamb pairs beautifully with the wine’s bold dark fruit and spicy notes, enhancing the savory flavors.
- **Roast duck with plum sauce**: The wine’s plum and blackberry flavors complement the sweet and savory elements of the dish, creating a harmonious pairing.
- **Charcuterie**: The velvety tannins and rich palate are perfect alongside a plate of **cured meats** and **aged cheeses**, balancing the fat with the wine’s structure.
- **Peppered steak**: The wine’s peppery spice and dark fruit work well with the robust flavors of a **pepper-crusted steak**, bringing out the meat’s savory elements.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2018)

There was no 2017 released, but the 2018 Bullnose Syrah aims to make up for that, offering up wonderful fragrances on the nose—hints of violets and cracked pepper accent ripe cherries and plums. Medium-bodied and creamy-textured, with a sense of density and concentration on the palate, it finishes long, silky and elegant, with savory overtones of black olives. It comes mainly from Bridge Pa fruit, from a vineyard planted in 1990 and another in 2000, with a bit of Gimblett Gravels fruit as well.

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James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2018)

This has abundant peppery and spicy red-plum and berry aromas with a sheen of spice, graphite and chocolate. The palate has a very elegant, focused feel with bright red berries, plums and fine, taut tannins. Drink or hold.