



Te Mata

The Te Mata Coleraine is New Zealand's most famous red wine, known for its Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc blend. A symbol of excellence since its first vintage in 1982, Coleraine embodies concentration, complexity, and elegance, placing it among the world's finest wines.



Coleraine 2021

Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Region and Vineyards

The grapes for **Coleraine 2021** were sourced from Te Mata Estate's historic vineyards in **Hawke's Bay**, planted as early as **1892** in the **Havelock Hills**. Hawke's Bay, located on the eastern coast of New Zealand's **North Island**, benefits from a **warm maritime climate**, making it ideal for growing **Bordeaux-style blends**. The well-drained soils and the careful management of the vines allow for slow ripening, resulting in fruit that is both concentrated and balanced.

Coleraine was originally a **single-vineyard wine** until **1989**. Today, it is an assemblage of the finest wines produced from several distinct plots within these old vineyards. The **hand-harvested** grapes were picked between **March 9 and March 29, 2021**, ensuring the highest quality fruit.

Winemaking

The **2021 Coleraine** is an assemblage of **56% Cabernet Sauvignon**, **32% Merlot**, and **12% Cabernet Franc**. Each parcel of grapes was **hand-harvested** and **destemmed**, followed by a traditional warm-plunged fermentation. After fermentation, the wine underwent an **extended maceration on skins** to enhance color, tannin, and flavor extraction.

The resulting wines were then transferred to predominantly **new French oak barrels** for **17 months** of maturation. During this period, the wine was regularly topped and racked to allow full integration of the oak and the fruit. The final blend was created in **December 2021** and bottled in **December 2022**, resulting in a wine with complexity, structure, and balance.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 56% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 12%
Cabernet Franc



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep crimson with royal purple edges, indicating its vibrant character.
- **Aroma:** The wine exudes classic Hawke's Bay Cabernet aromas of **blackberry**, **blackcurrant**, **thyme**, and **cedar**, intertwined with the signature **Coleraine perfume** of fresh roses.
- **Palate:** The palate offers a precise balance of richness and vibrant energy, displaying flavors of **cassis**, **raspberry**, **mocha**, and **spice**, along with a distinctive **minerality** that is unique to this vintage. The ripeness of the fruit seamlessly cloaks the **chiselled tannins**, creating a long, elegant finish.
- **Finish:** A powerful, long-lasting finish marked by perfume, finesse, and polished tannins.

Did You Know?

The name **Coleraine** originates from the **Coleraine Vineyard**, home of **John and Wendy Buck** of Te Mata Estate. The vineyard was named in honor of John Buck's grandfather, who was born in **Coleraine, Northern Ireland**. Since its inception, Coleraine has evolved from a single-vineyard wine to an assemblage of Te Mata's finest vineyards, symbolizing the pinnacle of **Hawke's Bay winemaking**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roast beef with rosemary and thyme:** The robust structure and dark fruit of the Coleraine complement the savory flavors of roast beef, while the herbal notes enhance the rosemary and thyme.
- **Grilled lamb chops:** The tannic structure of the wine pairs well with the richness of lamb, and its fruitiness balances the smoky flavors of the grill.
- **Aged cheddar:** The complexity and depth of the wine are a perfect match for the sharp, nutty flavors of aged cheddar.
- **Mushroom risotto:** The earthy notes of mushroom risotto harmonize with the wine's minerality and mocha undertones.



Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2021)

The 2021 Coleraine is a superstar. It's the best I recall seeing on release in recent years, a total "pleasure-dome" situation. Tea tree, oyster shell, lavender, black tea and tobacco leaf burst from the glass. Seamless, polished tannins grace the palate. There is texturally more silk to the tannins here than the Awatea tasted beside this (another great wine, for what it's worth). There are notes of creamy red fruits, cassis and bramble, Asian five spice, black cherry and graphite/mineral skein. The persistence of flavor here is extraordinary; it's detailed and nuanced but insistent in the mouth. The tannins cup the fruit in the mouth. Winemaker Phil Brodie said there are no enzymes or added tannin; it's all from the vineyard. This is a blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Franc. 2021 was left in barrel a little longer than the 2020 to refine the tannins.



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James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2020)

A beautiful nose of graphite, blackcurrant, crushed stone, blackberry, bark and sage. Medium- to full-bodied with velvety, structured tannins. Linear onto a wide open palate with so much clarity and length. Mineral complexity sits underneath the wonderfully ripened black fruit giving definition and dynamics. Steady acidity. Fresh herbs and black tea. Pine, too. So attractive now but needs time. 57% cabernet sauvignon, 36 merlot and 7% cabernet franc. Sustainable. Best after 2026.

