

## **COLERAINE 2021**



Origin / First produced in 1982, Coleraine is New Zealand's most famous red wine. Coleraine derives its name from the Coleraine vineyard, home of John and Wendy Buck of Te Mata Estate. John's late grandfather was born in Coleraine in Northern Ireland and the name has been maintained through the family home to the wine. A single vineyard wine until 1989, Coleraine is an assemblage of the finest wines produced from distinct plots within Te Mata Estate's oldest Havelock Hills vineyards first planted in 1892.

Appellation / Hawke's Bay

**Vineyards** / Coleraine 2021 was hand harvested from separate plots within Te Mata's vineyards between March 9 - March 29, 2021.

Winemaking / Each parcel of grapes was destemmed before a traditional warm, plunged fermentation and extended maceration on skins. The resulting wines were then run to predominately new French oak barrels for 17 months' maturation. Throughout this time, they were regularly topped and racked. The assemblage was made in December 2021 and the finished wine was bottled in December 2022.

Tasting Notes / The color of the 2021 Coleraine wine is deep crimson with royal purple edges. It has exceptional character. Its aroma is pure Hawke's Bay cabernet, with scents of wild blackberry, blackcurrant, thyme, cedar, and fresh roses, which are signature to Coleraine.

The wine's rich and vibrant palate is perfectly balanced, with a modern and varietally expressive taste, including cassis, raspberry, mocha, spice, and a distinctive minerality. The fruit ripeness is so succulent that it cloaks the profound, chiseled tannins that carry the palate on endlessly. With perfume, power, finesse, and length, this wine is a unique creation.

Varietal Compostion / 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol / 14%

TA / 5.7 g/L

pH / 3.54

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