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TASTING NOTES

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Te Mata is as focused on quality as it is on innovation. When winery owner John made the first vintage of Coleraine in 1982, he opened the eyes of his peers to the potential for making top wine from a blend of Bordeaux varieties in Hawkes Bay. Good wines are now common place, but Coleraine still leads the pack with a style that grows more refined every year.

Considered New Zealand's most famous wine, Hawkes Bay's iconic Te Mata Estate Coleraine is also likely the most collected/collectable wine produced here. This classic blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot red has been made since 1982 and regularly attracts near-perfect ratings. The 2021 release of Coleraine has been very much anticipated and is the third in a trio of excellent vintages (2019, 2020, 2021), to show the concentration, complexity and elegance we have come to expect. With yields down and quality high, this vintage already has high demand, don't miss out on this one!

Winery notes (2021 Vintage)

"The deep crimson colour of Coleraine '21, edged in royal purple, is the first clue to this wine's exceptional character. Pure Hawke's Bay cabernet aromatics leap from the glass - wild blackberry, blackcurrant, thyme, and cedar, all interwoven with that signature Coleraine perfume of fresh roses.

The palate precisely balances richness with vibrant energy; modern and varietally expressive, with cassis, raspberry, mocha, spice, and a distinctive minerality that is uniquely 2021. The fruit ripeness is so succulent, it cloaks those profound, chiselled tannins that carry the palate on endlessly. With perfume, power, finesse, and length this is an absolute original. Coleraine '21 is 'The One'."

98/100 James Suckling (2021 Vintage)

"The Te Mata Hawke's Bay Coleraine 2021 is a terrific young wine with superb depth and complexity as well as just the right amount of muscular tannins to give length and structure for the long term. Yet the polished texture makes it so attractive

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now. **Is it one of the best Coleraines ever?** "

97+/100 Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, December 2021 (2021 Vintage)

"Dark and intense, lots of perfume, red and black fruits, tobacco, a leafy pop that's pure varietal class, creamy oak, lead pencils, aniseed and spice. Medium to full-bodied, a flood of flavour, super 'mineral' feel to the acidity, tannin is superb, and the finish is so long. Light but so dense. There's a fresh raspberry juiciness here too, and an extra dimension of tension and energy. All the graphite and presence. **Incredible wine.** Drink: 2026-2045+"

100/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, February 2023 (2021 Vintage)

"The 2021 Coleraine exhibits a commanding presence and majestic poise. The bouquet reveals classic aromas of cassis, dark plum and violet with whispering nuances of cedar and cigar. There are hints of warm spices, compounding the pleasure upon inhalation. The palate is bold and graceful at once, enhanced by plush texture and multi-layered mouthfeel, beautifully framed by refreshing acidity and fine chalky tannins. Robust and substantial with a great line and length, which seem to go on to infinity. This youthful wine is already impossible to resist, but time will reward those who can wait. In sports, they often talk about 'The Greatest of All Time', or 'The GOAT'. **This 2021 Coleraine is undeniably THE GOAT of New Zealand wine.** At its best: 2030 to 2055."

5 Stars & 97/100 Huon Hooke, The Real Review, January 2023 (2021 Vintage)

"Very deep bright purple colour; the bouquet shows similar mulberry, blackcurrant and raspberry fruit aromas as the Awatea but the wine is more concentrated all-round and shows a little more oak (65% new). There are violet notes and a sprinkle of spices including nutmeg too. The tannins are more persuasive and mouthcoating also, and the length is prodigious. **A smashing cabernet blend, and a top vintage for this wine.** "

5 Stars Michael Cooper (2021 Vintage)

"Breed, rather than brute power, is the hallmark of Coleraine (correctly pronounced Cole-raine rather than Coler-aine), which since its first vintage in 1982 has carved out an illustrious reputation among New Zealand's claret-style reds. In all vintages since 2007, Cabernet Sauvignon has been the predominant variety. At its best, it is a magical Hawke's Bay wine, with a depth, complexity and subtlety on the level of a top-class Bordeaux. The very elegant, beautifully poised 2021 vintage is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Highly refined, it is deeply coloured and mouthfilling, with fresh, notably concentrated blackcurrant, plum and spice flavours, hints of herbs and nuts, lovely complexity and a lasting finish. Best drinking 2026+."

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