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## COLERAINE 2000

*Coleraine derives its name from the Coleraine vineyard, home of John & Wendy Buck of Te Mata Estate. John's late grandfather came from Coleraine in Northern Ireland and the name has been maintained through the family properties to the wine.*

Coleraine 2000 is a blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot and 19% Cabernet Franc that was bottled in January 2002.

Coleraine 2000 was produced from grapes hand harvested from six different sites between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. The winemaking processes were straightforward and classical. The grapes were destemmed, crushed and given a plunged, warm fermentation followed by maceration. After pressing, and the completion of malolactic fermentation, 225-litre barrels as individual lots were used for elevage, topping and racking. Blending then occurred and finally egg-white fining.

Coleraine 2000 is a deep crimson/black colour.

It has floral aromas, along with spicy and dark berry notes, which flow into the ripe, mouth-filling palate, which ends with long, fine tannins. The wine is underpinned by a cedar and toast background.

This wine will intensify and mature in bottle for 5-15 years from harvest.

Coleraine is a natural partner to celebrations, casseroles, roasted and grilled meats, cheese and classical European cuisine.

Technical Analysis at bottling:

pH	3.81
Total acidity as tartaric	5.3gpl
Alcohol	13.0%
Bottle barcode	9418953107003

