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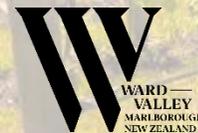


At the Antipodean Sommelier we are passionate about importing world class new world wines that can over-deliver on quality at a price point.

We source wines that offer something special from the appellations of the new world, that best suit the growing of a specific grape.

We trust you will enjoy our range.

*Tony, Marcus, James and Tim*



**Tony Bish**

# New world wine portfolio

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## Marlborough wine region

Rolling valleys carved by ancient riverbeds, bright and long summer days with cool nights are ideal for the production of crisp, zesty whites and suave cool climate reds. Since planting started in 1973, Sauvignon Blanc has propelled Marlborough on to the international stage, capturing the attention and imagination of critics and consumers alike.

Marlborough is defined by three districts - the Wairau & Awatere valleys are both ancient riverbeds with free draining alluvial loam over gravelly subsoil. The Southern Valley is again a glacial outwash but exhibits higher levels of clay in the soils and a late ripening climate. Within these sub regions are a varying and complex array of micro climates and soils - understanding, listening and matching the right varieties to these elements is the difference between

pedestrian producers, and those who offer wines with energy.

The long, consistent growing season, temperate pacific breeze and cool nights preserve the bright fruit characters which encourage classic Marlborough wines. Sauvignon Blanc is still the region's principal grape but the climate is cool and fine examples of Riesling and Pinot Gris have emerged. With care and nurture, Pinot Noir grown on the Southern Valley hillsides and in the reaches of the Awatere, offer great clarity and finesse. Large scale local and international interest has ensured rapid growth over the last twenty years, yet a small bevy of boutique producers are tending special blocks within the valleys. These dedicated few listen and unleash Marlborough's potential, crafting wines of the land, pure, taut and focused.



## A W A T E R E R I V E R

The Vavasours hold a unique wine making pedigree in NZ, with their family first settling in NZ in 1887, pioneering commercial grape-growing and winemaking. Louis's parents, Peter and Anna Vavasour planted the first vines in the Awatere Valley in 1986 and established the region's first winery Vavasour Wines. Continuing this family journey, Louis Vavasour established his Awatere River Winery nestled amongst the vines in the Lower Dashwood, Awatere Valley, beneath Mt Tapuaenuku, Marlborough and is the culmination of 15 years immersion in wine making, drawing on over a century of Vavasour family tradition.



## AWATERE RIVER *by Louis Vavasour*

# Awatere River Wine Portfolio

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## Awatere River Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough

This wine is 100% sustainably produced and vegan friendly. It has been crafted carefully for greater length while retaining true Awatere Valley finesse and elegance.

Attractive, concentrated sauvignon blanc with typical Awatere tomato leaf, green capsicum, gooseberry and lime zest flavours plus a suggestion of wet stone mineral character. A weighty, textural wine.



## Awatere River Pinot Gris Marlborough

This wine is 100% sustainably produced and vegan friendly. It has been crafted carefully for greater length while retaining true Awatere Valley finesse and elegance.

With distinctive herbaceous aromatics and fresh acidity, the palate shows stonefruit, passionfruit and citrus with a hint of minerality.



## Awatere River Pinot Noir Marlborough

This wine is 100% sustainably produced and vegan friendly. Grapes from complimentary sites were gently processed to extract fine tannins.

Matured for 10 months in French oak barriques, this is a classic and elegant Marlborough Pinot Noir with black cherry, plum, spice and smoky oak characters and a hint of savoury complexity.



# TWO RIVERS

of  
MARLBOROUGH

Established in 2004, Two Rivers of Marlborough takes its name from the iconic rivers that feed the wine growing heart of Marlborough's renowned Wairau and Awatere Valleys. It was in the Awatere valley, overlooking the braided river, that Two Rivers founder and winemaker David Clouston spent his childhood. He now lives in the Wairau valley, where he has made his home and his mark on the wine industry.

Two Rivers of Marlborough's mission is to select the finest parcels of fruit from the banks of both the Wairau and Awatere rivers and to craft wines that express the different micro climates peculiar to these two rivers..

The aim is to capture and emphasise the intense power of flavour for which Marlborough is famous while adding complexity and elegance to our wines through traditional wine making techniques.

It is this complexity and elegance with a slight European flair that has seen Two Rivers of Marlborough produce award winning wines of great standing and concentration.

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# Two Rivers Wine Portfolio



## Two Rivers 'Convergence' Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough

A convergence of flavours from vineyards located on the banks of the Wairau and Awatere rivers. Harvested at optimum ripeness, the grapes were gently pressed and fermented, at cool temperatures, in stainless steel to maximise fruit purity and character. A percentage of the wine was aged on fine lees for 3 months, adding texture, complexity and increased mouth feel to the palate.

Bright straw with golden/green hues, it has an abundance of ripe tropical fruit aromas overlaid with exotic gooseberry and an attractive herbal pungency. The palate balances great concentration with stylish elegance. Fresh, balanced and persistent flavours leading to a long mineral finish.



## Two Rivers 'Altitude' Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough

The grapes were thinned to one bunch per shoot to increase concentration and flavour. All leaves were removed from the fruiting zone to achieve maximum ripeness and to avoid any unripe characters. Grapes were hand-picked and whole bunch pressed directly into 7 year old hogshead barrels, for wild fermentation. Aged on full yeast lees and stirred regularly for 10 months, with a small portion going through malolactic fermentation.

Offers a savoury nose with aromas of lemon balm, lanolin oil and apricot kernel, combined with biscuity notes. The oak is well-integrated providing complexity and structure.



## Two Rivers 'Isle of Beauty' Rose Marlborough

This wine is Mediterranean in style using Pinot Noir grapes. Grapes grown specifically for Rosé production were sourced from a single vineyard in the Southern Valleys.

Floral aromas of orange blossom overlay nuances of crushed berries. The generous palate exudes fleshy tangelo flavours and finishes with a peppery twist. An ideal match with all Mediterranean cuisine.



## Two Rivers 'Brookby Hill' Pinot Gris Marlborough

An elegant, aromatic, focused Pinot Gris. Harvested at sunrise to retain freshness, fruit purity and varietal character, the grapes were then gently pressed and fermented at very cool temperatures in stainless steel with a portion being aged in seasoned French puncheons. The wine was kept on fine lees for 6 weeks to add mouth feel.

A very aromatic style of Pinot Gris, revealing beautiful crystallized ginger and lifted pear aromas. Textured and dry in style, the wine is well-structured and full of citrus fruit and fresh pears mingled with mineral notes.

# Two Rivers Wine Portfolio



## Two Rivers 'Clos de Pierres' Chardonnay Marlborough

Sourced from a single vineyard. Hand harvested, lightly whole bunch pressed, with wild ferment in barrel and intermittent stirring of the lees for 10 months. Partial malolactic fermentation followed by 11 months ageing in 20% new barrels followed by light filtration before bottling.

A golden straw colour with aromas of white flowers and camomile mingling with honeycombe and nutmeg. The palate offers juicy pineapple and nectarine flavours with oak offering support alongside underlying old-vine minerality.



## Two Rivers 'Juliet' Riesling Marlborough

Sourced from 18 year old vines from a single vineyard site in the Upper Wairau Valley. Hand-picked over two different passes to deliver a broader flavour spectrum, the grapes were then lightly whole bunch pressed and fermented at cool temperatures (7 degrees) to retain crisp fruit intensity. Fermentation was stopped when the sugar and acidity were perfectly balanced. The acidity, texture and minerality of this wine interplay harmoniously.

Aromas of honeydew melon and apricot kernel are mixed with an underlying touch of mandarin peel and lanolin. The palate is full of character, releasing juicy mandarin fruit with bright citrus and spicy undertones.



## Two Rivers 'Tributary' Pinot Noir Marlborough

Sourced from our Brookby Hill Vineyard in the Southern Valleys, the grapes were hand harvested and partially de-stemmed before undergoing 50% wild fermentation. 30% whole bunch clusters were added to the ferment for an increased lift in aromatics and structure. The resulting wine was aged in 25% new and seasoned French oak barrels for 11 months. The wine was unfinned and unfiltered.

Dark crimson in colour, the bouquet has lifted floral aromas of violets and wild thyme combined with red fruits and a savoury earthiness. The palate has crushed raspberries and bright red cherry flavours interlaced with forest floor, coffee bean and bramble nuances. Velvety tannins and firm structure will insure this wine ages gracefully.



## Two Rivers 'Brookby Hill' Syrah Marlborough

A peppery and meaty syrah with botanical aromas of thyme and Herbes de Provence. This wine is bright and fresh with great concentration, focus and energy

From a record-breaking dry summer, this fruit was sourced from a hot pocket site on our Brookby Hill Vineyard in the Southern Valleys. Hand harvested off 'first pick', single cane vines, the crop was extremely light due to meticulous bunch thinning carried out to allow full maturity. The fruit was then co fermented with 5% viognier in open top fermenters with 30% whole clusters and traditionally foot stomped. Lightly pressed into 25% new and seasoned French oak barrels, the wine aged for 11 months before being bottled unfinned and unfiltered



# SR SNAPPER ROCK

WINE OF NEW ZEALAND

Over the long warm summer months, we spend endless days on the blue waters of New Zealand's oceans at our favorite fishing spots or 'Snapper Rocks' hoping to catch the elusive Snapper .

We have crafted a range of affordable New Zealand wines that truly express, the unique terroir and marine climate of New Zealand's 2 major wine producing regions Marlborough and Hawke's Bay.

To make our wines we have leveraged off the local knowledge some of New Zealand's most talented young wine makers in the Hawkes Bay and Marlborough. We use fresh fruit driven styles of wine making pioneered in New World to create wines that reflect the variety's best suited to that region of New Zealand.

Our wines truly reflect the slice of paradise that is New Zealand, so come and give them a try.

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# Snapper Rock Wine Portfolio



## Snapper Rock Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough

Sourced from a single vineyard site on the Wairau Valley. The grapes were harvested in the early hours of the morning to retain crisp varietal character. The grapes were gently pressed and fermented at cool temperatures to accentuate pure aromatic.

Fresh and attractively fragrant, the bouquet shows nectarine, mango, green rock melon and lime zest characters, leading to a flavoursome palate that is bright and juicy. The wine delivers youthful fruit intensity and lively mouthfeel, leading to a lengthy crisp finish.



## Snapper Rock Pinot Gris Marlborough

A warm summer allowed the grapes to ripen perfectly and the cool Marlborough nights harnessed the acidity to give definition to the wine. Harvested in the early hours of the morning to preserve fruit purity. The grapes were slowly and gently pressed. After a cool, long fermentation the wine was aged on lees for 6 weeks to allow the natural weight of the wine to develop.

Snapper Rock Pinot Gris is subtly rich and refreshingly dry with great concentration. A perfect match for seafood or poultry, but just as good on its own! With attractive aromas of apricot, the palate has a rounded core with flavours of ripe yellow stone fruits entwined with delicate notes of tropical fruits and exotic florals.



## Snapper Rock Chardonnay Hawkes Bay

Snapper Rock Chardonnay reveals a fragrant nose, full of stonefruit and floral aromas. Barrel fermentation brings another layer of complexity with hints of vanilla and toasty nutty characters.

A textured mouth feel unfolds with layers of citrus, stonefruit and florals. Vanilla and toasty notes combine with a beautifully balanced acidity to finish long and fresh.

# Snapper Rock Wine Portfolio



## Snapper Rock Sparkling Rose Marlborough

From a single vineyard situated in new sub-region of Ward, the grapes were picked at dawn to retain freshness from a special parcel of the Pinot Noir clone - Abel. They were gently pressed and fermented and then left for 11 months on the lees before bottling.

A vivacious sparkling rose with an abundance of strawberry and cranberry aromas, plus nuances of rose petal and orange blossom. 100% Pinot Noir grapes, it exudes red fruit flavours finished with a slight sweet spice.



## Snapper Rock Sauvignon Rose Marlborough

Sauvignon Blanc grapes were sourced from a single vineyard site on the banks of the Awarere River. The grapes were harvested in the early hours of the morning to retain crisp varietal character. Pinot Noir grapes were hand picked and hand sorted. Very gently pressed the wines were blended 94% Sauvignon Blanc, 6% Pinot Noir to accentuate pure aromatics.

Vibrant pale strawberry in colour. Ripe tropical fruit on the nose with notes of vanilla pod, oriental spice and bell pepper. The palate is packed full of cranberry and mulberry fruit characters and vibrant mouth-watering acidity, making this wine incredibly moreish and drinkable.



## Snapper Rock Cabernet Merlot Hawkes Bay

The long dry summer and minimal rainfall of 2013 yielded a spectacular vintage. The super-ripe merlot spent 16 months in French Oak before being blended with Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

Deep, dark cherries and forest berries on the nose with a subtle vanilla character. Vibrant berries and dark chocolate flavours are beautifully balanced by delicate acidity and fine tannins.



## Snapper Rock Pinot Noir Marlborough

Sourced from a single vineyard in the new sub region of Ward Valley, southern Marlborough. Deep clay loam soils with traces of limestone. Hand picked and hand sorted, the grapes were gently de stemmed and then fermented in small open top cuvees and hand plunged 4 times per day. Very gently pressed, the wine was aged with French oak for 4 months prior to light filtration before bottling.

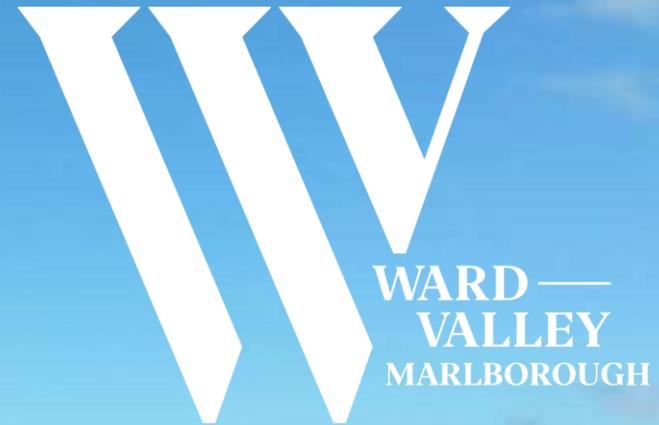
Bright garnet red in colour. Perfumed nose of fresh cherries, cinnamon and all spice with savoury undertones. Spicy tannins are matched with pure crushed red berries and dried herbs on the palate. Persistent flavours of tamarillo lead onto a lingering dry, mineral finish



The 20 h.a. Ward Valley Estate vineyard was planted in 2008 from bare pasture land by James Leary and Freddy Davison, a 4th generation South Islander. They searched for the perfect vineyard site around the lower Awatera Valley and found a unique terroir in Ward.

The vineyard site was chosen as the soil structure is mainly clay based, with hard papa subsoil, gravels and clay loam. These denser, water retentive clay soils, combined with a cooler climate than the northern end of Marlborough made the site perfectly suited to growing Pinot Noir. The long dry summer in Ward reduces pest and disease pressure while the hot 30 degree + days and cool nights allow balance in ripening process.

[www.wardvalleyestate.com](http://www.wardvalleyestate.com)



# Ward Valley Estate Wine Portfolio



## Ward Valley 'Triple Block' Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough

Fruit was sourced from three vineyards within the lower Awatere and Ward areas of Southern Marlborough. Upon reaching optimum flavour, development and ripeness, the fruit was transported to the winery and pressed off with minimum skin contact. The resulting juice was cool fermented in stainless steel to retain freshness and zingy acidity.

A lifted nose showing aromas of passion fruit, white peach and grapefruit combined with refreshing herbal and mineral notes. Light bodied and refreshing, with typical Marlborough flavours of passion fruit, blackcurrant and grapefruit. A pleasing herbaceous thread leads to a long finish.



## Ward Valley 'Olivia' Pinot Noir Rose Marlborough

This special wine takes its name from the owners' two very special Olivia's, Freddie's wife Olivia and James' first born daughter Olivia.

Fruit for this wine is selected the best rows of Pinot Noir on the Ward Valley Estate Coastal Block. The fruit was carefully harvested before being transferred to the winery to cold soaked on the skins for 4 hours. This 'time on the skin's' gives the wine it's salmon pink colour.

On the nose we have lifted aromas of strawberry and raspberry, along with hints of citrus and floral notes. The palate is dry and shows some complex flavours of raspberry, strawberry and melon. This makes for a dry style wine, brilliantly structured by crisp acidity, finishing long and mouth-watering.



## Ward Valley 'Epicentre' Pinot Noir Marlborough

An extremely hot, dry vintage combined with cooler nights and clay-rich soils contributed to very small berries, which gave a lifted nose and good intensity of fruit from the Mt. Victoria Block. Lightly pressed after fermentation the wine was then aged in 100% seasoned French oak.

Spicy, complex and youthful aromas of sweet cherry, cardamom seed and exotic spice. The palate is juicy and bright with earthy savoury undertones and a suave, plush tannin structure.



## Ward Valley 'Mt Victoria Block' Pinot Noir Marlborough

Handpicked and hand sorted. Gently destemmed and fermented in small open top fermenters with 10% whole bunches included. Hand plunged four times daily during fermentation. Lightly pressed directly after fermentation with no post alcoholic maceration. Aged in 100% French oak barrels for ten months prior to light filtration and bottling.

Crimson red in colour, this wine has intriguing aromas of forest floor, kirsch cherries and red liquorice with hints of subtle spice. The juicy palate shows a lovely purity with notes of vibrant red currant. This wine has an elegant tannin structure, complemented with a lingering savoury finish.

One sunny day, whilst having a couple of beerzies, three Marlborough based winemakers decided to collaborate and make wines together under a single brand..... VANDAL.

This “side project” gives each member scope to make wines they would not normally have the opportunity to put to bottle. They could be considered a bit “weird” in more a conventional sense, that said, the core of the Vandal ethos is ensuring wines are smashable so don’t freak out just yet....

The wines are made in very small quantities (130 cases each) of varieties sourced from a single hill site in Marlborough’s Southern Valleys sub-region.

# VANDAL

 MARLBOROUGH NZ



# Vandal Wine Portfolio

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**Gonzo White – Viognier, Pinot Gris, Riesling  
Marlborough**

Spontaneous co-fermented on skins. Pressed once dry, put to barrel for 9 months, 70% malo. Racked, settled, bottled un-fined and un-filtered. This ain't orange, it has been placed in a time capsule with preservative.



**Gonzo Red – Pinot Noir, Viognier  
Marlborough**

100% whole bunch, spontaneous cab mac, pressed once dry and sent straight to barrel for 9 months. Racked, settled, bottled un-fined and un-filtered.



**Gonzo Field Blend – Pinot Noir, Syrah, Tempranillo, Chardonnay, Viognier, Riesling, Pinot Gris.  
Marlborough**

Seven Varieties all picked on the same day from the same north facing, hillside single vineyard. Hand-picked and pressed without sulphur straight to old barrels with high solids and fermented with indigenous yeast at ambient temperatures. Aged on full yeast lees for 6 months, full malo and bottled un-fined and un-filtered.

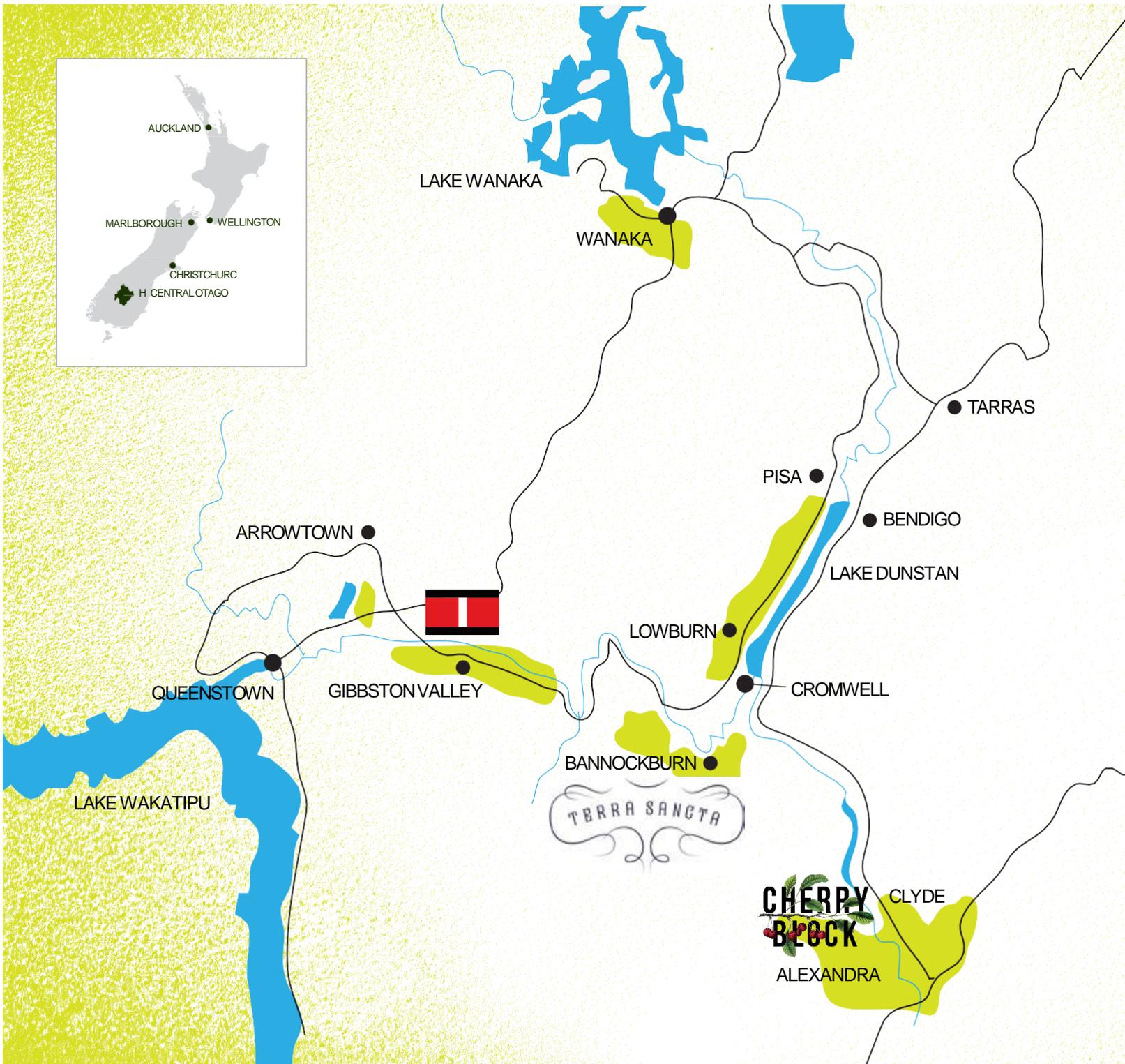
# Central Otago Wine Region

It has taken little more than 25 years for Central Otago Pinot Noir to become an internationally recognised style. To achieve that distinction a wine style must be very good, consistent and most importantly, distinctively different.

The strongest characteristics of Central Otago Pinot Noir are impressive fruit density with flavours in the plum and cherry end of the spectrum. Wines often pick up some thyme characters from the herb that grows wild over the countryside. A rich and often silken texture is common.

The sub-regions that tend to produce wines closest to that stereotype are Bannockburn and the Cromwell Basin. The medium and high-elevation terraces of Bendigo offer a similar profile with finer, sleeker textures. Gibbston and Wanaka are cooler sub-regions with crisper, brighter wines that can have a fresh herb note while the short, hot summers in the Alexandra Basin tend to create tighter, bonier, more perfumed and often impressively long-lived wines.

Compared to the wines of Burgundy's Côte d'Or, Central Otago's are softer, fruitier, fleshier and more accessible. It is difficult to identify another New World wine style that comes close to the Pinot Noir of Central Otago





*“Terra Sancta means “sacred earth”,  
or, in modern Kiwi, “special dirt”.*

Terra Sancta is a small, beautiful vineyard, located on Felton Road, Bannockburn, Central Otago. Tucked safely on a thin tendril of land between the old gold mining hills and ruins behind, and the edges of the brilliant glacial blue of the Kawerau River in front, our wine comes from two main areas - the part that borders the river, called Terra, and the part that runs along Felton Road, named Sancta.

The focus of the next decades is simple, to build an enduring company that produces beautiful wines, over which people enjoy great experiences. We feel privileged to share our wines and vineyards with anyone with a love for or interest in wine, whether a Master of Wine, or someone who is curious and has never been to a vineyard before.

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# Terra Sancta Wine Portfolio



## **Terra Sancta Estate Pinot Noir Central Otago**

The Terra Sancta Estate gives a true picture of the estate vineyard. Hand-picked, the wine's fragrance is that of the estate itself - lavender and thyme.

The flavours come direct from the soils - the luxury of dark cherries, fresh raspberries, and first picked plums. The texture is silk; the finish complex.

The Terra Sancta Estate Pinot Noir represents the true expression of the Terra Sancta vineyards. From the layers of perfume on the nose, to the velvety fruit of the first sip, this wine shows the full aroma and flavour profile of the estate. With spice, earth and exceptionally silky tannins, the finish is long and layered.



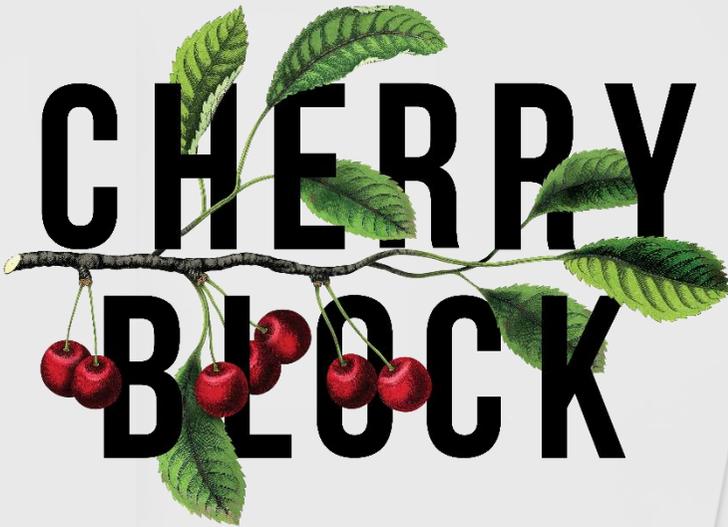
## **Terra Sancta Jacksons Block Pinot Noir Central Otago**

Named after the august ratbag on the label, Jackson Barry ranged the area telling yarns and seeking fame and fortune. The hallmarks of Jackson's Block are perfume, elegance, and balance. The perfume is that of violets and the wild thyme of the estate. The flavors are red berries and the length and balance are made complete by elegant, silky tannins.



## **Terra Sancta Shingle Beach Pinot Noir Central Otago**

Planted by Gary Andres, an Oregon Pinot Noir pioneer who wished to create a Pinot Noir to rival the great Burgundies, the block is named after the shingle beach below the block. Shingle Beach is a densely planted block which reaches optimal ripeness at low sugar levels and bears tiny, pristine grapes. The result is evident in the hallmarks of this wine; fine grained tannins, minerality, earthiness and concentrated dark fruit flavours, all at under 13% alcohol. Vibrant and elegant. 2012 was our inaugural release of this wine.



# CHERRY BLOCK

Cherry Block will take you on a journey to some of the southernmost wine regions in the world. The extreme climates of Central Otago and Marlborough are ones of fiercely cold nights and long hot summer days. It's these intense conditions combined with the lush surrounding cherry orchards, that serve to create Cherry Block's signature style.

*"Cherry Block was started in large part to bottle the spirit of many memorable times in Central Otago, especially at the Boyd Family Cherry Orchard in Alexandra. We feel very fortunate that it now gives us reason (as if we needed one!) to return to that special part of the world year after year."*

**Tim Boyd-White, Cherry Block Wines.**

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# Cherry Block Wine Portfolio

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## **Cherry Block Pinot Noir** Central Otago

Cherry Block will take you on a journey to a special part of New Zealand, the southernmost wine region in the world, Central Otago. The extreme continental climate of Central Otago is one of fiercely cold nights and long summer days. It is these intense conditions combined with the lush surrounding cherry orchards that serve to create the vivid, rich and spicy nature of Cherry Block Pinot Noir.



## **Cherry Block Pinot Rose** Marlborough

Fruit was carefully harvested and transferred to the winery to cold soak on the skins for 4 hours. This 'time on the skin's' gives the wine it's salmon pink colour. The grapes are then pressed and cold fermented. 4 months of lees stirring at the winery adds texture and maturity to the palate of the wine.

On the nose we have lifted aromas of strawberry and raspberry, along with hints of citrus and floral notes. The palate is dry and shows some complex flavours of raspberry, strawberry and melon. This makes for a dry style wine, brilliantly structured by crisp acidity, finishing long and mouth-watering.



## COAL PIT

Family owned Coal Pit in Central Otago, New Zealand is committed to producing world class wines from the sustainably accredited vineyard and on-site winery, where only small volumes are produced annually.

Meticulously crafted wine by winemaker Lynn Horton and viticulturist Gary Crabbe using world class fruit from their Gibbston Valley vineyard. Lynn and Gary work hard to manage the challenges of growing in the highest sub-region of Central Otago, creating a wine that shines from the fruit itself and is given just the right amount of oak.

[www.coalpitwine.com](http://www.coalpitwine.com)



# Coal Pit Wine Portfolio

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## **Coal Pit Sauvignon Blanc** Central Otago

Hand picked and sourced entirely from our single vineyard in Gibbston, a selected parcel of this wine was fermented in French oak to give added complexity and mouthfeel.

Fresh and zesty this Sauvignon Blanc boasts a lifted nose of elderflower and flowering currant. Flavours of green gooseberries and lemon balm are layered by guava and passionfruit on the palate. The finish shows an intense minerality typical of the Coal Pit Vineyard, allowing many versatile food matches.



## **Coal Pit "Tiwha" Pinot Noir** Central Otago

Attention grabbing are two words that best describe Coal Pit Pinot Noir. It's a wine with a big personality and aromatics which instantly captivate you. The palate displays excellent fruit-driven vibrancy, complemented by well integrated spicy oak for a memorable finish. This world class pinot noir wowed our judging panel no end.

# Tony Bish

Tony fell into winemaking after running out of cash following a long hot summer at Makorori Beach in Gisborne lazing in the surf and hanging in bars.

His first vintage in 1981 was at Corbans winery in Gisborne. In 1982 he landed a vintage job at Vidals in Hawkes Bay where he met Richard Brimer. Tony and Richard enjoyed three vintages together at Vidals before Tony committed to studying for a winemaking degree in Australia, and Richard continued to hone his photography skills.

Tony returned to Hawkes Bay to a vineyard job with the Mason family and in 1986, formed Sacred Hill Wines with Mark and David Mason. After various sojourns into other wine regions such as Central Otago and Martinborough, Tony settled back into Sacred Hill and raised 4 kids with his wife and life partner Karryn.

[www.tonybishwines.co.nz](http://www.tonybishwines.co.nz)



# Tony Bish Wine Portfolio



## Tony Bish "Fat & Sassy" Chardonnay Hawkes Bay

This Chardonnay has a full, broad nose of refreshing and bright aromas of ripe yellow stone fruits and citrus fruits along with an edge of creamy and nutty barrel-ferment and spicy oak notes, subtle lemon-curd and buttery MLF notes. The palate has flavours of citrus fruits melded with creamy barrel-ferment and nutty, spicy oak.

The mouthfeel is enriched by integrated layers of lemon-curd and buttery MLF nuances. The palate has an underlying freshness with acid poise, and the wine flows along a fine-textured line with creamy nutty notes leading to a sustained finish with toasty oak.



## Tony Bish "Heartwood" Chardonnay Hawkes Bay

Lifted aromas of vanilla bean, ripe peach and spicy oak. There are nuances of toasty hazelnut and ripe citrus rind.

The palate has a flavoursome entry with generous mid-palate texture showing the stone fruit and citrus flavours promised on the nose. The palate is well balanced with fine grained oak tannins and gentle acidity that gives length and persistence of flavour.

Cellaring is recommended.



## Tony Bish "Golden Egg" Chardonnay Hawkes Bay

Delicate aromas of white flesh peach with complex citrus notes of Meyer lemon, lemon blossom and lemon curd. There are nuances of almond milk and wet stone minerality.

The palate has mouth-filling richness and mid-palate opulence, framed with fresh citrus acidity. There is a salty minerality that along with the lemon/lime acidity provides superb length and freshness on the finish.



## Tony Bish "Skeetfield" Chardonnay Hawkes Bay

Old vine dry farmed Mendoza Chardonnay, fully barrel fermented in Taransaud French oak barriques. Intense rich & powerful with sublime texture.

The bouquet shows power and depth, with white peach, citrus fruits, nutty almond notes, along with mealy biscuit characters with subtle flint and mineral nuances.

The palate is rich with power and intensity of fruit supported by layers of complex flavours that unfold in the mouth. Yellow stone fruits mingle with ripe citrus and almond notes, complemented by rich nutty and textural characters from barrel ferment.



## PIRINOA ROAD

MARTINBOROUGH

Pirinoa Road is a collaboration between long time Martinborough vigneron Peter Croft & the team at Antipodean Sommelier. The wine takes its name from the Pirinoa district, home of an old Maori pā-site in South Wairarapa.

The 2008 vintage saw the début of Pirinoa Road in the UK market, and since then this boutique wine has built a reputation with its loyal followers across Australasia and Europe for delivering classical Martinborough characteristics combined with consistent quality and value.



PIRINOA VINEYARD

# Pirinoa Road Wine Portfolio

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## **Pirinoa Road Chardonnay Martinborough**

Grapes were hand picked then whole bunch pressed and juice settled for 4 hours. They were barrique fermented in French Oak barriques (27% new) and aged for 10 months before blending. A full malolactic fermentation occurred in spring, followed by lees stirring in winter every 2 weeks to stop post malolactic fermentation.

Ripe peach and grapefruit aromatics on nose. Underneath hints of butterscotch and toasty oak. Creamy malolactic notes on palate, with tropical fruits sitting nicely on top. Rich and full bodied, whilst showing nice balance and elegance.



## **Pirinoa Road Pinot Noir Martinborough**

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# South Australian wine regions

South Australia is known as Australia's wine capital, with 18 distinct wine regions, producing around half of Australia's wine each year. Its varied climate and land contour is a god-send for wine-growers, nurturing a wine portfolio heavily focused on powerful red wines; most of which are famously made from Shiraz. Cabernet Sauvignon also thrives here, particularly in Coonawarra, as well as many white varieties; Adelaide Hills especially makes some quality Chardonnay varieties.

The South Australian, McLaren Vale wine region, is very highly regarded throughout Australia and the world. Due to its diverse climate and geography, which is Mediterranean in style, a wide array of grape varieties are grown here. It is most renowned for its dry red wines, especially those made from Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvedre. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Merlot are also grown. White wine varieties in the region include Chardonnay, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling.

Coonawarra is also renowned as one of Australia's finest wine regions, attributed with producing some of the best red wines in the country; very well known especially, for its Cabernet Sauvignon. What makes this region perform so well is its unique combination of rich red terra rossa soil, limestone, pure underground water and a long cool ripening of the grapes. The resulting wines are fruitful and concentrated, yet with well integrated tannins.

Another well known region is Adelaide Hills, which is one of the oldest wine-growing areas in Australia. Pertinent to this region's grape growing is the altitude of its vineyards, cooler climate and various valleys and hilly terrains. These climatic and terrain variations, produce a range of mesoclimates, so vineyard site selection key for wine producing. The ripening season in Adelaide Hills is dry, which, and the temperatures cooler, which makes the grapes mature at a slow pace, resulting in concentrated wines. The climate is perfect for Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Semillon, Pinot Noir, and in particular many top quality Chardonnays.

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- Adelaide Hills
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# *A Growers Touch*

BIRTHED FROM THE EARTH. RAISED BY THE HAND.

A Growers Touch, focuses on the production of more traditional varietals, all grown locally out of the Riverina and by farmers who we have worked with for two decades. The label offers credit to the farmers responsible for growing the grapes. It showcases local fruit & places emphasis on the importance of 'terroir'.

It is those farmers who love and nurture their fruit, that we pay homage to. Each farmer responsible for the grapes gone into making A Growers Touch, feature both on the front & back of the appropriate wine bottle, in order to share with you the faces and hands gone into making these stunning wines.

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# Growers Touch Wine Portfolio



## **Growers Touch Durif (Petit Syrah) Riverina, South Australia, NSW.**

Grapes were hand picked then whole bunch pressed and juice settled for 4 hours. They were barrique fermented in French Oak barriques (27% new) and aged for 10 months before blending. A full malolactic fermentation occurred in spring, followed by lees stirring in winter every 2 weeks to stop post malolactic fermentation.

Ripe peach and grapefruit aromatics on nose. Underneath hints of butterscotch and toasty oak. Creamy malolactic notes on palate, with tropical fruits sitting nicely on top. Rich and full bodied, whilst showing nice balance and elegance.



## **Growers Touch Cabernet Sauvignon Riverina, South Australia, NSW.**

'A Growers Touch' wines pay homage to the growers that day in day out, care for the vines that go into making the wines. This old vine Cabernet Sauvignon is a dark, deep lilac with magenta hues. It has aromas of lush briary fruits like blackberry and blackcurrant partnered with plum, clove and vanilla.

On the palate, classically varietal with blackberry, blackcurrant and blood plum, complemented by lovely French oak. This wine has low acidity and enjoyable tannins and will match well with braised beef short ribs or porcini risotto and blue cheese.



## **Growers Touch Shiraz Riverina, South Australia, NSW.**

The 'Growers Touch' wines pay homage to the growers that day in day out, care for the vines that go into making the Mino & Co wines. The 2017 Shiraz showcases Isidoro Guglielmino a contracted grower for the last 15 years. This old vine Shiraz has concentrated red/black fruits and genuine oak complexity making it both delicious and mouth filling and will see it drink gracefully through the next 5 years.

A richly fruited, roundly approachable style of shiraz with good balancing freshness, the ripe fruit and spicy oak tastes carry throughout the palate for a good length of time. Enjoy with your choice of red meats and winter stews.

# Growers Touch Wine Portfolio

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## **Growers Touch Chardonnay** **Riverina, South Australia, NSW.**

Dino Salvestrin, a trusted & long term grower for Mino & Co. Dino's block of fruit is slightly elevated on a pitched bed of sandy loam helping to facilitate drainage, keeping the roots dry & foliage manageable throughout a warm & dry 2016 vintage.

Fresh fruits on the nose depict hints of nectarine, peach and orange blossom with rich vanillin oak and a touch of spice. The palate is generous, expressing flavours of stone fruit and a citrus nuance, balanced acidity and French Oak, holding true to it's varietal characteristics.



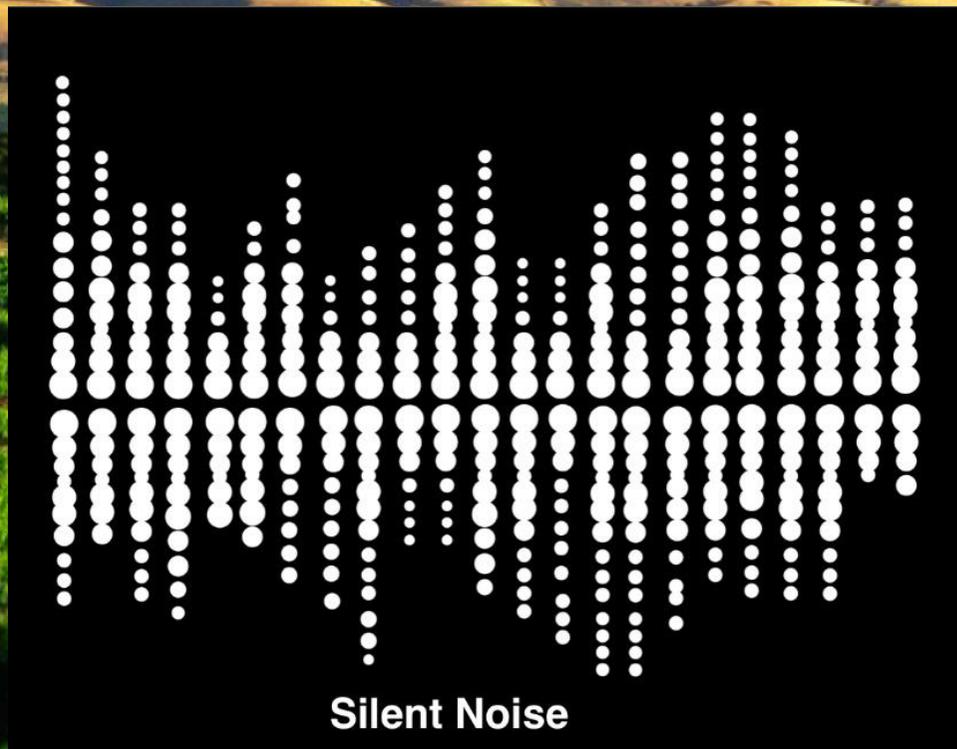
## **Growers Touch Semillon** **Riverina, South Australia, NSW.**

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# Silent Noise

by Charlie O'Brien



I grew up surrounded by vines and one of my first words was an attempt at tractor. I was hooked and I have loved being involved in all the aspects of winemaking from the vineyards to the bottle. While it can be really hypnotic driving up and down the rows of the vineyard a lot of winemaking is really loud. The harvesters, the crusher and presses at the winery and the trucks and tractors coming and going - it can be very noisy.

*Charlie O'Brien*

Silent Noise Shiraz is a single vineyard shiraz that owes everything to the noises that made it yet it sits silently in its bottle. It is only when you have it in your mouth that you can really appreciate the noise that will silently speak to you of terroir, history and love.

Produced and bottled by Charlie O'Brien for BigRed Wine Company

# Silent Noise Wine Portfolio



## **Silent Noise Adelaide Hill Chardonnay McLaren Vale**

Silent Noise Chardonnay is a fresh modern Australian style, citrus driven and complemented by the subtle use of oak. While 50% of the wine was fermented in new French oak., the oak component is unobtrusive yet critical to the overall aroma and texture.

Pears on the nose nearly overriding the subtle incantations of citrus blossoms and delicate bath salts. On the palate endless layers of sun warmed pears and enchanting whispers of cinnamon and cardamom with a creamy mouthfeel and a fresh slightly citrus finish.



## **Silent Noise Shiraz/Grenache/Zinfandel McLaren Vale**

Initially the aromas are all confectionery and white cherries followed closely by a young vibrant perfume and notes of orange oil.

On the palate there's bright red mouthfilling fruit with undertones of savoury dusty dark berry fruits and spice.



## **Silent Noise Reserve Shiraz McLaren Vale**

Immediately smoky, dark and brooding. This is a deeply perfumed elegant wine showing a multi layered nose of earthy beetroot, game, sweet citrus oil and a delicate hint of creme patisserie. The palate is again dark and brooding with an underlying power. Complex flavours include spiced fruit compote and fruit of the forest which intertwine with a compelling combination of oak and fruit tannins producing a long finish tinged with anise.



## **Silent Noise Shiraz McLaren Vale**

Aged half in French and half in American oak barrels, this shows a lovely, deep, youthful colour - and delivers stacks of fresh black fruit - bramble and blueberry. Fine and silky.

Definitive wine for carnivores; and should keep very well too.



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