

Established 1968

MATAWHERO MAGIC

OUR NEWSLETTER IS NAMED AFTER THE ROSE BRED BY SAM MCGREDY; DEDICATED TO MATAWHERO'S FOUNDER, THE LATE BILL IRWIN.

Summer is upon us and the vineyard canopy is flourishing at Matawhero.

With lovely spring weather behind us and the vineyard well through flowering, it is time to start trimming and get the vineyard ready for nets and hopefully another long hot finish to the season.

The cellar door is now open and ready to greet the many wine travellers who stop to enjoy the wines under our walnut tree. The magnificent Matawhero roses are in full bloom, providing lots of Summer colour. Many of our visitors have been to Riverpoint Road before and love reminiscing about their previous visits and their fond memories of the Irwins and the history of Matawhero Wines.

Everyone has a story about Matawhero, and for us it remains very special to be a part of the revival of a much loved brand!

With the 2013 vintage being the best the Gisborne region has seen in decades, we are enjoying seeing how the wines develop in the bottle. The intensity of flavours and in particular the lovely aromatics, texture and weight the wines are displaying at such a youthful age really highlight the quality of the past vintage. We still have our two Chardonnays to bottle in the New Year and are also excited to release a special red wine into our Church House range. It was such a long hot season that the red varieties have performed particularly well in 2013. This will be a wine to watch out for and enjoy come Winter.

We are also very excited to have our 2013 Gisborne Merlot selected by Air NZ to be served again on-board flights from February next year. Selected blind by their tasting panel, it is a lovely endorsement of our Merlot and also highlights that while the Gisborne region is known for producing beautiful white wine, we can produce exceptional red wines as well.

We wish you and your family a very happy and safe festive season and we look forward to bringing you some more fantastic wines in 2014!

Salute

Kirsten & Richard



GREAT WINES FOR SUMMER

Perfect wines for those long Summer lunches, BBQ and weekends away at the kiwi bach.

2013 PINOT ROSE

Our first vintage of Rose and we are very proud. The 2013 Summer in Gisborne was just superb, with the Pinot Noir grapes ripening perfectly allowing for small percentage of the Pinot Noir juice to be carefully taken aside for cool fermentation as a rose. Aromas of strawberry, cherries and a floral note this rose has a lovely creamy texture with a nice dry finish.

Enjoy as an aperitif or with Summer salads and seafood.

2013 PINOT GRIS

Our lovely Pinot Gris is made from a new ENTAV-INRA grape clone 547, imported by Gisborne company Riversun from France. This clone has small bunches and berries, which have intensified the flavours and aromatics in this wine. A very fragrant wine with jasmine and pear notes. The palate is full-bodied with flavours of spice, pear and honeysuckle and a nice clean dry finish.

Perfect with fish, chicken, pork or Japanese inspired cuisine.



Celebrate the return of an old favourite

Kirsten & Richard

Celebrate the Pioneering spirit of Matawhero with our Church House series of wine

The historic Matawhero Church has graced our wine label since our first vintage in 1975 and, built in 1860s, it is the oldest building in the area. Situated 1km from the Matawhero winery and vineyard it was originally a school house, which survived the Poverty Bay Massacre of 1868. Our 'Church House' series is a collection of small and unique parcels of wine which are a tribute to this historic building and the pioneering spirit of our founders – the late Bill Irwin and his son Denis. These wines allow us to have a little fun in the winery and include the following varieties:



2013 CHURCH HOUSE BARREL FERMENATED CHARDONNAY

This new clone often produces balanced full-bodies, meaty wines with complex aromas. This wine has lovely aromas of ripe melon, fig with hints of oak. The palate is big, rich and full, with great length and persistence. 90/100 – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit.

Perfect with seafood, cheese and white meats.

2013 CHURCH HOUSE GRÜNER VELTLINER

Grüner's historical home is in Austria and in Gisborne this variety grows particularly well. Subtle aromas of citrus, mandarin and apple. The palate has a hint of sweetness but dries out nicely. 91/100 – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit.

A perfect accompaniment to sushi and lighter flavoured meals.

2013 CHURCH HOUSE ARNEIS

Originally from Northern Italy, Arneis is a lovely aromatic style with hints of dry herbs, citrus notes and stonefruit. 93/100 – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit.

Enjoy with seafood and appetisers.

2013 CHURCH HOUSE ALBARIÑO

Albariño is originally from the Northern part of Spain and here the variety flourishes in Gisborne. With lovely aromas of citrus and peach, the palate has a lovely acidity with hints of citrus and sherbert notes. 90/100 – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit.

Beautiful with seafood, chicken and paella.

2013 CHURCH HOUSE CHENIN BLANC

This variety originates from the Loire Valley in France and was made by the Irwin's in the 80s. Floral aromas of citrus blossom and a lovely fresh palate of lime, stonefruit and honeysuckle.

Enjoy with seafood and poultry.



CELLAR DOOR

Come and join us over Summer and relax with family and friends over great wine, gourmet platters and live music every Sunday until March.

Opening hours are: December – Thursday to Monday, 11 am to 5pm
(Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & Boxing Day)

Open daily from 27th December to End of January, 11am to 5pm

Feb/March – Open Thursday to Monday, 11 am to 5pm



Matawhero Wines Cellar Door

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Our Cellar Door is 10kms from Gisborne City, south on the main highway, 1km up Riverpoint Road.

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