

Established 1968

# MATAWHERO MAGIC

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

At Matawhero our passion is to produce distinctive single vineyard wines that reflect our unique Gisborne terroir.



Summer has arrived and the vineyard canopy is flourishing and the vines look lush and green. We are well and truly through flowering and look forward to another season in Gisborne. We have had another busy year at Matawhero with a number of our wines receiving accolades in New Zealand wine competitions during 2016. Last month, our Matawhero 2016 Single Vineyard Pinot Rosé was awarded a Gold Medal and Champion Rosé of the Show at the New Zealand Aromatics Wine Competition. As the only Gisborne winery using Pinot Noir fruit for our Rosé, we think this wine is Gisborne Summer in a glass!

We continue our success with the lovely french varietal Chenin Blanc. Our 2015 Church House Chenin was awarded top wine and 5 Stars in Cuisine Magazine's Other Whites tasting in September. This follows on from a Gold Medal and Trophy for the 2014 vintage and a Gold Medal for our first vintage in 2013. The Irwin's use to make a lovely Chenin Blanc in the 80s, so we are loving being part of the revival of this grape variety at Matawhero.

The cellar door is now open to share our stories and wines to the many wine travellers that visit over the season and you will be welcomed at the entrance by our lovely black lab "Maddy" and his companion "Olly" the cat. A highlight to our cellar door is to explore the underground cellar which is home to many older vintages of Matawhero wines as well as other iconic New Zealand wine producers.

We wish you and your family a very happy, healthy and safe festive season and we looking forward to the new releases in 2016.

Salute

*Kristen & Richard*

## SINGLE VINEYARD WINES NOW RELEASED FOR SUMMER

Perfect wines for those long Summer lunches, BBQs or weekends away at the kiwi bach.

### MATAWHERO 2016 SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT ROSÉ

**GOLD/CHAMPION ROSE OF THE SHOW NZ TROPHY Aromatics Competition 2016**



"Strawberry and cream with a lovely floral note and a dry finish. Enjoy as an aperitif or with Summer salads or seafood.

### MATAWHERO 2016 SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT GRIS

★★★★ 4.5 STARS, WINE ORBIT



We love this off-dry style of Pinot Gris made from a new french ENTAV clone with lovely small berries and loose bunch set which intensifies the aromatics, fruit

flavours and texture in the wine. Perfect with fish, chicken, pork or Japanese inspired cuisine.

### MATAWHERO 2016 SINGLE VINEYARD GEWURZTRAMINER

★★★★★ 5 STARS, WINE ORBIT



The first vineyard in NZ to plant the variety, Matawhero has a long history with this variety. Our Gewurztraminer is an elegant, clean, fruit-driven style with turkish delight, rose petal and a lovely spice.

### MATAWHERO 2016 SINGLE VINEYARD MERLOT

A great BBQ red, our Merlot is fruity, savoury and soft and rounded. Enjoy with meat dishes and tapas.



All vegan friendly



# Our Region

## Tairāwhiti-Gisborne

### First Light

Gisborne is the first place in New Zealand to see the sunrise so our vineyards are the first in the world to greet each new day.

Out here on the most easterly tip of New Zealand's North Island, our region revels in a classic pacific maritime climate. Sheltered by hills and mountain ranges to the north and north west, Gisborne's warm dry climate is moderated by the nearby ocean, with the cooling afternoon sea breezes, typical of many of the world's great wine growing regions. These breezes preserve natural acidity and tropical fruit flavours. Fine clay and silt loam soils create full flavoured aromatic wines with a haunting marine note, thanks to the nearby ocean.



## STORIES FROM THE PAST:

# The Matawhero

### Timeline (1982-1983)



**1982**

An Aussie guy, Blair from the Clare Valley joins the Matawhero winemaking team. In the words of Denis, "He arrived on the plane to help wearing pink jeans and pink sneakers, a little out of the box and would fit in perfectly at Matawhero."

**1982**

The 1981 Matawhero Gewürztraminer is awarded a Gold Medal at the NZ Easter Show.

**1982**

The Bridge Hotel and land is purchased at the highway end of Riverpoint Road. Denis establishes a restaurant called La Pont with a renowned chef from Auckland running the kitchen. This is born out of Denis's desire to open a main road outlet for wines.

**1982**

Hatch Kalberer joins the winemaking team at Matawhero. He imparts his own style onto the wines with yeast imported from Switzerland and the vision to make more dry wines (up until this time Denis was using natural yeast). Denis still has the vision to make wines that challenge the palate and the mind. Regardless of market pressure he does not want to make the same wines year in year out and wants the wines to evolve and change every year.

## CELLAR DOOR

Come and join us over Summer and relax with family and friends in our beautiful vineyard setting. Enjoy gourmet platters and cheeseboards and live music on Sunday afternoons. Visit [www.matawhero.co.nz](http://www.matawhero.co.nz) for opening hours.



### 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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## Celebrate the return of an old favourite