

Matawhero



Welcome to Matawhero Wines

Our Story

Matawhero is the oldest winery cellar door in our long-established wine region.

The Matawhero story started with two New Zealand wine pioneers from the 1960s, Bill & Denis Irwin who planted the first grapes at Matawhero in 1968. Today the story continues around the drive and determination of Kirsten & Richard Searle, who purchased the Matawhero vineyard and winery from Denis in 2008.

They are the trusted Kaitiaki (guardians) of Matawhero and continue to develop the iconic winery and share the distinctive wine styles of the Tairāwhiti-Gisborne region.

Our vineyards are 100% naturally dry farmed and we only grow our grapes using natural rainfall and no irrigation. What we love about dry farming is we are saving a precious resource like water and it also explains the style of wine we get in the glass with superior fruit flavours and a lovely weight and texture.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful rustic cellar door.

Kirsten & Richard Searle

Our Menu

Gourmet antipasto platter – a selection of cheeses, salami, pastrami, Ahia smoked salmon, caperberries, olives, gherkins, pesto, sundried tomatoes, feta, hummus and chutneys served with fresh ciabatta bread and crackers. *GF available on request.

4 people \$78.00 per platter
2 people \$44.00 per platter

Matawhero vegan platter - Savour nut cheeses (ash coated smoked cheddar, cumin and pepper, cashleta), artichokes, chutney, stuffed vine leaves, olives, gherkins, sundried tomatoes, hummus served with fresh ciabatta bread and crackers. *GF available on request.

\$44.00 per platter

Trio of cheeses – enjoy a selection of three cheeses (brie, havarti and creamy blue cheese) and chutneys. Served with fresh bread/crackers. *GF Available on request

\$25.00 per platter

Local Ahia smoked fish dip – Choose from; Smoked hoki & saffron, gemfish & citrus or salmon with paprika aioli served with gherkins, crackers and toasted ciabatta bread. *GF available or request

\$27.00 per platter

Children's platter - Sandwich of your choice (honey, vegemite or jam), fresh fruit, hummus, cheese and crackers and a sweet treat to finish.

\$10.00 per platter

Extra bread/cracker plate

\$6.00 per plate

Kapiti Ice Creams - Vanilla and chocolate, white chocolate and raspberry and feijoa Sorbet.

\$5.00 per serve

Chocolate brownie with ice cream and berry coulis.

\$10.00 per serve

Please ask our lovely staff about any allergens that may be contained in our food.

Our Tasting Flight

Enjoy our selection of five wines in our unique wine tasting rack made from old wine barrels (approx. 40ml pour per wine/total 200mls).

(current wines are Pinot Rosé, Gewürztraminer, Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay and Merlot)

\$15.00 per tasting flight. Enjoy \$5.00 off a bottle of wine you take home.

Wine List

Matawhero Irwin (barrel fermented style)

2018 Chardonnay \$14.00 per glass/ \$70.00 per bottle

Matawhero Single Vineyard

2020 Gewürztraminer

2019 Pinot Gris

2020 Sauvignon Blanc

2020 Chardonnay

2020 Pinot Rosé

2019 Merlot \$10.00 per glass (150mls)/\$42.00 per bottle

Matawhero Church House

2018 Chenin Blanc

2019 Barrel Fermented Chardonnay

2019 Malbec \$12.00 per glass (150ml)/\$48.00 per bottle

First Sun Rosé Magnums \$76.00 per bottle

Other Beverages

Beer

Sunshine Brewery Pilsner/Gizzy Gold \$8.00 per bottle

Sunshine Light Pilsner – 2.5% \$8.00 per bottle

Heineken Zero (0% Alc) \$6.00 per bottle

Sparkling

Mionetto Prosecco \$12.00/200ml bottle

Non Alcoholic Beverages

Antipodes Sparkling/Still water – 1 Litre \$11.00 per bottle

Antipodes Sparkling/Still water – 500mls \$7.00 per bottle

Lemmy Lemonade \$6.00 per bottle

Fentimans Range \$7.00 per bottle

(Rose Lemonade, Orange and Mandarin, Ginger Beer, Ginger Ale, Victoria Lemonade)

Organic Juices

(Apple, Orange, Blackcurrant & Raspberry) \$6.00 per bottle

Tea and Nespresso Coffee \$4.00 per person

Take a bottle home – 10% off 6 bottles or more

Irwin Chardonnay - \$60.00 per bottle

Single Vineyard – \$24.00 per bottle

Church House - \$26.00 per bottle

Church House Chardonnay - \$30.00 per bottle

First Sun Rosé Magnums - \$35.00 per bottle