



New Zealand Explorer Half Dozen

INTRODUCTION

New Zealand has a relatively young wine industry that took off when stainless-steel vats and modern winemaking techniques came to the fore in the late 1980s.

Cool-climate purity and fruit focus are the hallmarks of New Zealand wines; best known for these perhaps is Marlborough Sauvignon, and we regard our own-label as a cracking example of energy and balance, however the chiselled, lemony style of Chardonnay from Greenhough is most definitely well worth a try too. You'll also enjoy the fuller, spicier tones of Pinot Gris from the North Island,

much richer in style compared with its Italian cousins.

The historic Gimblett Gravels of North Island were identified early on as a free-draining terroir that would suit Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, and Syrah has also done well here. Forging ahead however has been the proliferation of top-quality Pinot Noir from the South Island, and the new generation at Churton are making a well-priced example, demonstrating just how well this tricky grape variety performs in the cooler climate of Marlborough.

THE WINES

1. Tanners New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough

Bin No: NW051

Wonderfully aromatic on the nose with some tropical passionfruit character amongst the grassy, herby, asparagus notes, the palate is elegant, fresh and fine with good length.

2. Greenhough 'Road Block' Chardonnay, Nelson

Bin No: NW096

This is whole-bunch pressed then wild-yeast fermented, 100% in barrel with only a small proportion being new. The Mendoza clone Chardonnay gives impressive depth, providing a gorgeous silkiness and weight.

3. Kumeu Village Hand Harvested Pinot Gris, Auckland

Bin No: NW093

The fruit aromas of this wine are very floral and reminiscent of roses. The palate is characterised by a rich texture, making it especially good with food. The finish has a little more citrus fruit, giving freshness and elegance.

4. Pask 'Gimblett Gravels' Cabernet/Merlot/Malbec Hawke's Bay

Bin No: NR014

Pask Winery has built its reputation on producing high quality red wines at reasonable prices. This wine is juicy and full of fruit, backed up by spicy blackcurrant flavours and a warm, lingering finish.

5. Te Mata Estate Syrah, Hawke's Bay

Bin No: NR032

An attractive, youthful bouquet of violets and raspberry fruit, with spicy hints of cardamom. The palate is full of elegant blueberry and dried apricot fruit, with soft tannins and great finesse.

6. Natural State Pinot Noir, Marlborough, Churton

Bin No: NR048

Aromatic with bright red fruits and floral notes. On the palate, it is vibrant and fruity with more red-fruit character, supported by some smooth tannins and a juicy finish.

Ordering from Tanners

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