



## Vintage 2013

The 2013 vintage could well be deemed as the vintage of the decade or even the last 20 years thanks to this year's long and hot summer! Warmer temperatures and low yields have given more concentration in the wine and with our increasing vine age, the wines are looking stunning. Overall this vintage has given us wines of great varietal expression and concentration, with aromatic intensity and the ability to age well.

Why has it been so good? Even, consistent flowering, the excellent weather through summer/late summer and right through to vintage, plus the lack of rain meant limited disease pressure and the ability pick at peak ripeness.

### Sauvignon Blanc

We kept more leaf up in the fruit zone when it became clear we were in for a hot summer, this shields the fruit from getting too hot. The wines are showing lovely ripe lime and citrus aromas with the palate in the riper, stone fruit spectrum.



### Pinot Gris

With the settled weather the Pinot Gris were on the vine longer and we were able to get very pinky-brown skins with good development of that honeyed pear-type flavour that we like. The wines at present are in the riper pear and turkish delight spectrum so looking good.

### Pinot Noir

These wines are very exciting. Picked in pristine condition, they are deeply coloured, brooding, aromatic wines with weight, structure and silky fruit tannin. They will age in barrel until next year, where we will blend and bottle some of our best Pinot's.



### A late harvest Sauvignon Blanc/Riesling

This is our first time making a late harvest wine at Matahiwi. We left selected Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling to become about 85% botrytis affected, not pretty but delicious. Once dehydrated the concentrated flavour of the grapes when picked so late are very intense and sweet. Still fermenting now, this will be an exciting wine so watch this space!

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