



OTU
otūwhero estate

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— OTUWHEREO ESTATES —



ESTATE VINEYARDS

Our OTU Wine Estate is made up of a unique, wild sea-swept terroir set at the edge of the Southern Ocean – where the ancient Otuwhero River runs through the lower valleys of Marlborough New Zealand.

Our OTU Estate is located directly south of Marlborough's Wairau Valley, in the Awatere Valley; the coolest and driest of Marlborough's three sub-regions. Situated right at the edge of the ocean where exposed cliffs and untamed coastline meets our OTU Estate vineyard blocks, the growing season this far south in Marlborough is longer, with high sunshine hours and ripening is extended – allowing for a

perfect balance of intense flavor, delicious acidity and ideal ripeness at harvest.

Otuwhero Top Block, Donaldson Block, Otuwhero Middle Block and Otuwhero Flats are exposed to the wild ocean winds and warmer moderating sea breezes, positioned on steep terracing to maximize sun exposure. Our Otuwhero Hammond and Dysart Blocks are tucked further inland surrounded by snowy mountain peaks creating a uniquely rich soil environment from mountain range to ancient river bed. From several vantage points from within our estate, the great mountain itself, Tapuae-o-Uenuku, can be seen, while in the opposite direction the expansive, wild Pacific Ocean fringes the very edge of our Otuwhero Vineyard blocks.



WE ARE “ULTRA MARLBOROUGH”

Our wild, wind-swept Otuwhero Estate is set at the edge of the Southern Pacific Ocean - cradled between snowy mountains and at the edge of the ocean, the Estate is remote coastal and rugged terroir – this produces distinctively bold, ripe fruit flavors, and exquisitely expressive wines. 80% of our vines lie on steep hill-sides, control of water is vital to vine balance and crop management.

We lay down two canes on almost all of our hillside vines - less fruit and more open canopies result in more reliable ripening, even in challenging vintages. Lying at 41° South, beside Cook Strait, high winds bring salt-rich air to our vineyards. Our exceptional location delivers fruit with a bold, distinctive “Ultra Marlborough” character.



GLOBALLY RENOWNED WINEMAKER, JEFF CLARKE

has a wealth of international experience, and has been twice named “International White Winemaker of the Year” first at the London International Wine Challenge in 1999 and again in Japan in 2003.

“With the passionate and dedicated team at OTU Wines, we are capturing the essence of the unique wild coastal terroir that is the OTU Wine Estate.”

- WINEMAKER JEFF CLARKE



ORIGIN

- 160ha planted across 5 vineyard blocks – mainly steep, terraced terrain
- Distinctive soil type across all blocks – shallow silt and clay layers over deep, ancient alluvial gravels
- Infertile, free draining soils are ideal for our cool-climate varieties

2011 - A NEW BEGINNING

- Further development of vineyards, including planting Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris
- Installation of 3 significant dams – we no longer draw water from our river
- Cropping is managed to emphasize quality over quantity
 - Fruit selected from like-minded growers to enhance our selection

THE COLLECTION

Sauvignon Blanc

Pinot Noir

**Limited Release
Sauvignon Blanc**

