The ancient Otuwhero RIver gives our wine its name, and is fed by melting snows from surrounding mountain peaks. Our wild, wind-swept Otuwhero Estate is set at the edge of the Southern Pacific Ocean. The Estate is remote coastal and rugged terroir – this produces distinctively bold, ripe fruit flavors, and exquisitely expressive wines. The soil found here in the Awatere Valley is alluvial gravels that rise through our silt and clay soils – delivering bold minerality, intensity and ripe opulence to our wines.

OTU

otūwhero estate

Legacy & Future Vintages

OTU Pinot Gris 2023

Perfect delicate yellow color. Lifted floral and spice aromas. Rich, honeyed and elegantly balanced Marlborough Pinot Gris. Lifted floral and spice aromas balance a rich palate of succulent peach and crisp pear. The superb textural characters of the wine allow the complex notes of nashi pear to shine through, accompanied by a layer of bright lemon citrus notes.

91pts Wine Enthusiast 06/24

UPC# 0 89832 92260 5

2022

90pts James Suckling 01/23

2021

90pts James Suckling 11/21

OTU Limited Release Sauvignon Blanc 2021

"Offers vibrant Key lime pie, passion fruit and celery salt notes paired with ripe, fleshy and lush melon flavors at the core, with a refreshing thread of acidity. Drink now. "

92pts, "8 Delectable New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs Under $30"
Wine Spectator 04/22

"A heady musky perfume envelops the senses. There's a bit of onion peel reduction, but the passion fruit, lime, grapefruit and fresh green bell pepper notes win out. The palate is dry with persistent, mouthpuckering acidity. Though this wine is still very young, its bones are strong. It just needs another year or two in the bottle to flesh out some more. "

90pts Wine Enthusiast 11/22

93pts Wine & Spirits '22

UPC#0 89832 92263 6

2023

90pts James Suckling 02/24

2022

89pts, "Best Buy"
Wine Enthusiast 11/23

89pts James Suckling 01/23

Legacy & Future Vintages

OTU Sauvignon Blanc 2021

"Shows green, clipped herbal notes, with lemongrass, lemon verbena and listea oil to complement the lemon-lime and ruby grapefruit core on a sleek, juicy frame. Drink now."

90pts, "8 Delectable New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs Under $30"
Wine Spectator 04/22

"Very vivid passion-fruit and lime-peel aromas here. Super intense and mouthwatering. The palate has a punchy and lively feel with fresh and intense passion fruit. Drink now. Screw cap."

91pts James Suckling 12/21

91pts Wine & Spirits '22

90pts Wine Enthusiast 10/22

2022 *"Offering robust and fresh flavors of toasted herbs, sea salt and dried citrus peel, this is backed by plenty of dried pineapple and citrus notes, plus a touch of lime sorbet. Drink now."*

90pts, "9 Sensational New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs" Wine Spectator 03/24

90pts James Suckling 01/23

89pts, "Best Buy"
Wine Enthusiast 08/23

UPC# 0 89832 92260 5

2023

91pts James Suckling 02/24

OTU Pinot Noir 2020

"A vibrant cherry color, this needs swirling in the glass to open but soon reveals a nose of brambly red fruit, savory spice, dried flowers and a hint of meatiness along a spine of dusty cola oak. The palate is light- to medium-bodied and has an appealing crunch of acidity, softly silky, tangy red berries and a gentle but well-structured tug of chalky, spicy tannins. Drink now and over the next few years."

89pts Wine Enthusiast 11/22

"Firm and focused, with matcha, spice and fresh loam notes and a core of tangy cherry and cranberry flavors. Drink now."

88pts Wine Spectator 05/22

UPC# 0 89832 92261 2

2021

87pts Wine Enthusiast 11/23

89pts Wine Spectator

WINESELLERS LIMITED EST. 1977