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## THE PLACE WE BELONG OUR HOME

Waiata Vineyard in North Canterbury is where we first started growing grapes, where the thought of making wine was borne and where our dreams came true. This is our heart and very precious to us.

The name Waiata comes from the Māori word for singing and is at the heart of any celebration or gathering.

After living many years abroad we were looking for something to get stuck into. After a year at home we found an old 325 hectares sheep farm in Waipara, that we fell in love with, which was perfectly suited to growing grapes.

We knew employing amazing people to help us out would be key, and we set about getting a great team together which we now call the Tiki Whanau (Family).

We grow Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Riesling and Pinot Noir in our Waiata Vineyard.



## NORTH CANTERBURY WINE REGION

A Master class in Cool Climate Wine  
Making

Waipara Valley in North Canterbury is just 40 minutes north of Christchurch and is fast establishing itself as one of the premium wine producing regions of New Zealand According to Master of Wine; Bob Campbell, the region is “one of the unsung heroes of the wine industry”.

Best known for exquisitely spicy and rich Pinot Noirs and Rieslings, the region has a great reputation for other aromatic varieties such as Pinot Gris and Gewürztraminer as well as its own distinctive take on Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.





## The Location

The Waipara Valley is nestled in the lee of the Teviotdale hills that provide protection from cool easterly winds but open to warming north west winds. The protective Southern Alps ensure low rainfall, abundant sunshine and often very warm summers, helped by the famed hot, dry nor'wester winds, though cooling sea breezes and the occasional cold southerly fronts temper this. The region is known for its warm days, cool nights and a dry autumn, resulting in a very prolonged ripening period.

Our Waiata vineyard cover a large area in North Canterbury and as such, our soil varies between gravelly deposits and limestone derived clays which produce low yields of optimally ripened, high quality, flavourful grapes. Our fruit fully express the qualities of this unique setting, promoting intense flavour development and optimal ripeness, while retaining good natural acidity.

## KAITIAKITANGA

Our wines are carefully selected from our vineyards. Our focus is putting more back into the land than what we take.

We are farmers at heart, nurturing the elements that make our grapes unique. Our whānau (Family) are an indigenous New Zealand wine producer committed to sustainable winegrowing with an uncompromising commitment to quality.

We care for our vines under the guiding Māori principles of Kaitiakitanga: guardianship, protection and preservation of the earth. As a company we strive to ensure all of our actions have the long term interest of our land at heart. It is our job to keep our footprint small to make sure everyone gets to experience the magic of Aotearoa the same way we have.





## WAIATA WAIPARA SAUVIGNON BLANC

Fresh and vibrant, this tasty sauvignon shows lifted aromas of passionfruit, peach, citrus and a subtle herbaceous background on the nose, followed by a juicy palate that is lively and refreshing. The wine offers classic tropical fruit and herbal notes backed by fine texture and crisp acidity, finishing long and attractive.

The 2019 Vintage in Waipara, North Canterbury was exceptional. The rain fell at the perfect time for vine health and the fruit was picked in pristine condition. Cool temperatures enhanced fruit flavours and created wines of great elegance.

Alc Vol: 12.7 %  
Acidity (TA): 6.5 g/l  
pH: 3.3  
Residual Sugar: 4.0 g/l