

ALPHA DOMUS

Hawkes Bay ♦ New Zealand



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Winery Principals The Ham Family

Winemaker Stuart Weller

History

Antonius and Leonarda Ham immigrated from Holland in the early 1960s and soon afterward established, Awapuni Nurseries, outside the city of Palmerston North, on the North Island. The business became well established and successful, with sons Henri, Anthony, and Paul helping grow the company. By the 1980's, the family's passion for horticulture and love of fine wine led to the purchase of land well-suited to viticulture in Hawkes Bay. The vineyards were planted in 1991, with construction of a winery and cellars beginning soon after. Alpha Domus' first wines were released in 1996.

The name Alpha Domus comes from the first initial of the first names of each family member, from father to youngest son (Antonius, Leonarda, Paulus, Henrikus, and Antonius) with the Latin for house (domus).

The Alpha Domus logo is a de Havilland Tigermoth aircraft. Alpha Domus is in the vicinity of an important historic airfield, used for training pilots throughout New Zealand's aviation history. Son Henri has a passion for flying and holds a commercial pilot's license. The Tigermoth and other colorful vintage planes are often seen in the skies above the vineyard.

Hawkes Bay is an area of New Zealand that is noted for its success with Bordeaux varietals. Long, hot summers and cool winters characterize this temperate area. Alpha Domus' two estate vineyards are situated on Maraekakaho Road, on the Heretaunga Plains, in the Hawkes Bay Triangle. The Hawkes Bay region averages 750mm of rain annually, but the vineyard is located in a natural rain shadow and receives considerably less. With 600mm of silt loam overlying river gravels, the soil is ideal for quality wine production.

Alpha Domus' winery and vineyards are accredited by Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand, an environmentally conscious group dedicated to ensuring an industry standard for sustainable winegrowing.

Wines

The Navigator (Meritage Blend)
Unoaked Chardonnay

Website

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- Hawkes Bay Appellation
- Sustainable Winegrowers
- Estate Grown
- Family Owned

