

BIRD

Marlborough • New Zealand



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Winery Principals Steve & Caroline Bird
Winemaker Steve Bird

History

As a schoolboy, Steve worked for a small family wine company based in New Zealand's picturesque Coromandel Peninsula. His love of the work and passion for the industry inevitably led him to study winemaking at the highly regarded Roseworthy Agricultural College in South Australia. On completion of a degree in Wine Science, Steve immediately immersed himself, once again, in the New Zealand wine industry, working initially as assistant to the legendary John Hancock at Morton Estate and then for Thornbury Vineyards, a company that Steve and Caroline founded and later sold to Villa Maria Wine Group. Steve has dedicated all his working life to the New Zealand wine industry and now he and his wife Caroline are delighted to be able to present a range of fine wines that they believe epitomize the best that Marlborough has to offer the world. The first vintage of Bird wines was 2006.

Vineyards

Situated in Marlborough's picturesque Omaka valley, The Old Schoolhouse Vineyard is the sole source of grapes for the first wines to be released under the Bird label. The school closed in the middle of the last century and was converted to a country residence and vineyard.

The soils are the perfect combination of free draining alluvial shingle subsoils with a generous topping of friable clay loam as the top soil.

In planting the vineyard the viticulturalist was keen to exploit the natural assets and attributes of the site and therefore chose to grow a range of distinctly aromatic white wines and several clones of Pinot Noir. This has proven to be an inspired decision resulting in wines with astonishing purity of varietal fruit and vibrant structure.

Wines

Gewurztraminer
Pinot Gris
Pinot Noir
Riesling
Sauvignon Blanc

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