

# MUDDY WATER

## Waipara ♦ New Zealand



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**Winery Principals** Michael & Jane East  
**Viticulturist/Winemaker** Belinda Gould

### History

Muddy Water is the dream of owners Michael and Jane East, who purchased the property in 1993. The first wines were produced in 1997.

Winemaker Belinda Gould's background is in horticulture. After her undergraduate studies, she spent two years at the Geisenheim viticulture school in Germany, then returned to New Zealand to study with Dr. Richard Smart (the grape canopy guru). She made wine in California (Calera and Sonoma Cutrer) and Oregon (Cristom) before coming to Muddy Water.

The name Muddy Water is a direct translation from the Maori place name: wai (water) and para (mud).

### Vineyards

Estate vineyards are situated on sunny slopes above the Waipara Valley in North Canterbury (about 40 minutes north of Christchurch). Protected from cool sea breezes by a range of coastal hills, the Waipara area has a climate distinct from the rest of Canterbury.

Cold, frosty winters, warm, dry summers, and dry, sunny autumns provide intensely flavored grapes. Soils are loam over calcareous clay on limestone bedrock, mirroring Burgundian soils.

Muddy Water's vineyards are accredited by Sustainable Wine Growing New Zealand, an environmentally conscious group dedicated to ensuring an industry standard for sustainable winegrowing.

### Wines

Chardonnay  
Riesling  
Pinot Noir

### Website

[www.muddywater.co.nz](http://www.muddywater.co.nz)

