



Huia's Vineyards

There are 3 blocks that comprise Huia's estate vineyards.

All three blocks are farmed organically and bio-dynamically with a view to long term improvements in soil structure, biodiversity and providing a healthy environment for everybody who works them.

Home block is 9 hectares and is the original planting where the winery and family home are also located. Home comprises Sauvignon Blanc planted in 1994 with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay planted in 1995.

Shipleigh block is the second vineyard and is directly across the road from Home. It enjoys exactly the same features and soil as Home. This was planted in 2005 with Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris.

They are both situated in Marlborough's Rapaura district on what is known as the "Golden Mile". This is recognised as one of Marlborough's premium sites with its free draining alluvial silts and undulating stony nature. This is one of the warmest parts of Marlborough with much less frost risk than other areas. It is very close to the Wairau River and is well in the lee of the Richmond Range, which provide a stunning forested backdrop.

Sauvignon Blanc off these two vineyards typically has riper tropical notes than the cooler areas of Marlborough. The undulating aspect of both blocks with a mix of richer silts and free draining stony areas creates a medley of flavours - even in the same row of grapes.

Winsome block is 15 hectares situated on the South Eastern outskirts of Blenheim. It has totally different features to the Rapaura sites. The soils are deep rich clay. The vineyard is situated up under the Wither Hills, quite close to the sea, which has a dramatic cooling effect upon the area.

The vineyard has a frost machine to mitigate the odd late spring and early autumn cold snaps. Winsome block was planted in 2002 and 2005 with Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer and Riesling.

Our Gewurztraminer and Riesling are single vineyard wines all coming from Winsome. In our experience the aromatic varieties achieve an extraordinary level of aroma and richness of flavour from this area.

The Sauvignon Blanc from Winsome is more in the Gooseberry flavour spectrum and provides the perfect blending partner to the tropical, passionfruit characters from Rapaura.