

Mahi



Mahi, meaning 'our work, our craft', began in 2001, fulfilling a dream of ours. After 15 vintages it was time to do our own thing. With a strong focus on single-vineyard wines, and now backed up by a series of premium regional wines from Marlborough, the idea behind Mahi is to respect and promote the individuality of the various vineyards.

The Mahi symbol represents the strength, life and growth of the native New Zealand frond (fern), with the understanding that wine should never be rushed to bottle, respecting its ability to evolve naturally over time.



2014 Mahi Twin Valleys Gewürztraminer

A full, rich wine it has great middle palate and length with Turkish delight flavours and citrus overtones. The fruit characters will continue to evolve in the bottle, both filling out and giving lovely developed spicy notes over time.

Variety:	Gewürztraminer
Winegrowing team:	Brian Bicknell, Pat Patterson, our focussed growers and brilliant vintage staff
Alcohol:	14.5 %
Titratable Acidity:	4.7g/l
Residual Sugar:	10g/l
Brix at Harvest:	24.3
Harvest Period:	24 th March 2014

Winemaking details

The fruit comes from a small parcel in the Twin Valleys Vineyard, located in the Fareham Lane area of Marlborough. The vineyard, owned and run by Pete and Anne Reed, is at the western end of the Wairau Valley, where it meets the Waihopai Valley. The vines for this wine come from four different clones, all contributing their own characters and flavours.

In the winery the grapes were whole-cluster pressed, with the free-run juice being taken to tank for fermentation. The fermentation was not inoculated so the wild yeasts that come from the vineyard completed the fermentation.

A real goal at Mahi is to make wine in as natural a way possible and we have found that the succession of different yeasts from the vineyard provide wines of greater depth and complexity. The wine was left to rest on yeast lees, with the occasional stir to assist in giving some extra savoury mid-palate richness.

Vintage

One of the things that will be remembered about the 2014 vintage in Marlborough was the very early start, and the early finish, giving us a relaxed Easter, which is a pretty rare occurrence.

The other two things that will stick out in our memories of this year were that it was a fecund year, a fertile year, a season of plenty with the vines showing the effects of the great flower initiation in December 2012 and superb flowering conditions in December 2013; and that it was a game of two halves, great conditions up until April the 8th, and damper tones after that. Another year showing unique conditions that continue to educate, excite and humble us.

