

## OUR SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

The wines of the Wither Hills Single Vineyards - Rarangi, Taylor River and Benmorven - test the senses and demonstrate the superb synergy between region, vineyard site, variety and the winemaker. These vineyards define our unique sense of place at home, here in Marlborough.

### RARANGI SAUVIGNON BLANC

Planted in 2002, this vineyard lies below the coastal foothills of the Richmond Ranges. It offers a unique microclimate for wine growing with the soil type being a combination of coastal waters edge and natural wetland waterways. Part of the vineyard is planted around what is now some of the best preserved native wetlands in the region, thanks to our conservation efforts. Minerality, sea salt and lime are the backbone to this wine. Rarangi presents fresh vibrant aromatics of citrus, lemongrass, guava and subtle coriander characters.

### TAYLOR RIVER PINOT NOIR

The Taylor River Vineyard is situated alongside the Taylor River shingle fan, leading south to the Wither Hills. The mixed soils of loam, silt, clays and some river gravels of this site along with the moderating easterly allows the Pommard and Dijon clones to express the bold and structured side of Pinot Noir. The wine displays Taylor River's hallmark rich layered structure with dark brambly wild berry fruits, spice and firm tannin profile. Complex and thought-provoking, this wine is great to drink now and will cellar beautifully to expose its true self.



## OUR REGION

Located at the northeast tip of the South Island of New Zealand, Marlborough is a place of rugged natural beauty, with vineyards bordered by the ocean and the Wither Hills mountain ranges. Marlborough is the jewel of the New Zealand wine industry - it produces majority of the nation's wine and is home to hundreds of wineries and thousands of acres planted in grapes. Vines were first planted in the Wairau Valley in 1973 and the region has become world famous for its style of Sauvignon Blanc.

## WINERY, CELLAR DOOR & RESTAURANT

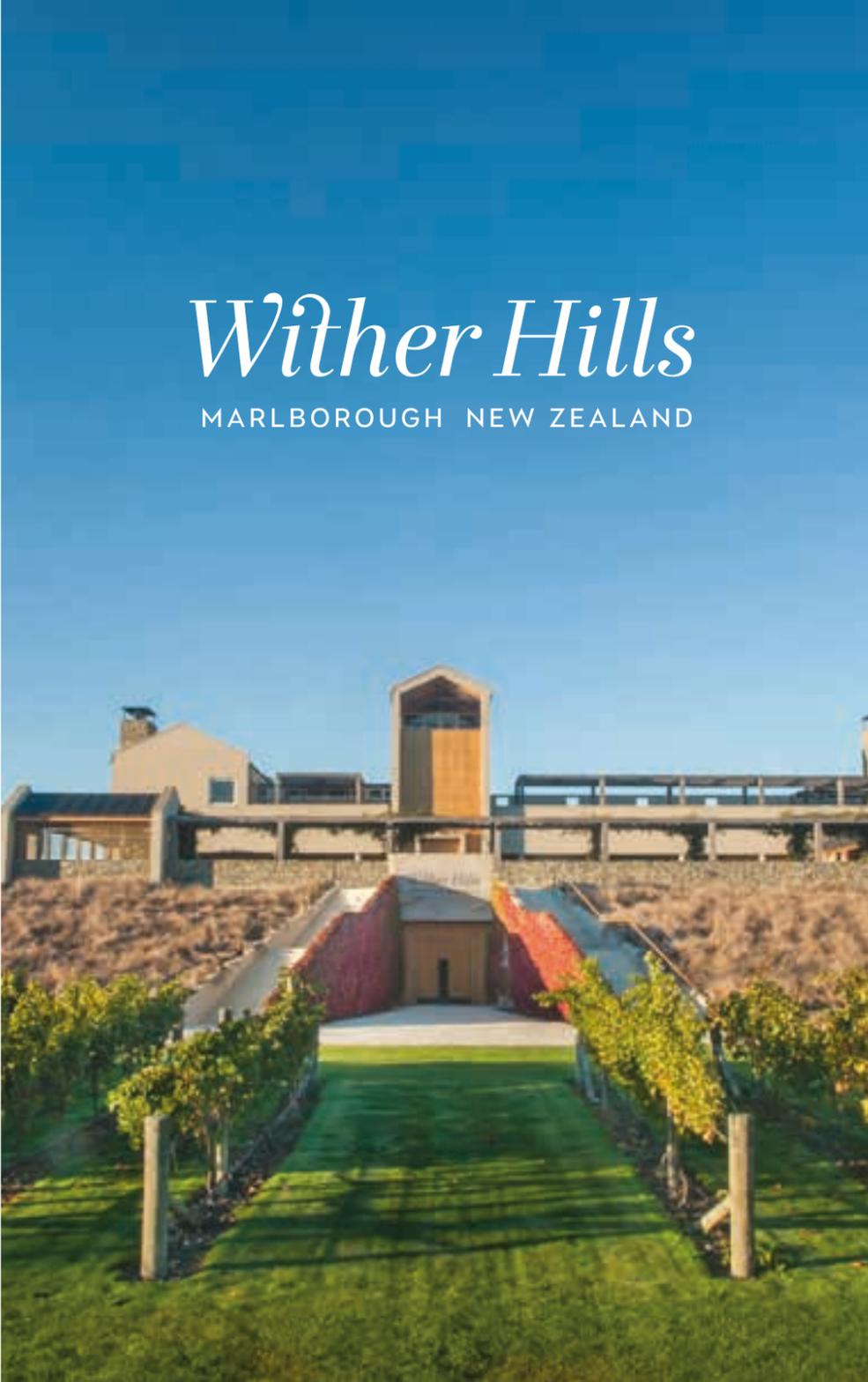
Our cellar door allows you to appreciate the true beauty of Marlborough while enjoying a comprehensive tasting of the wines we are so passionate about. We offer tours of our vine library and barrel hall as well as locally inspired cuisine in our restaurant. Our cellar door is a blend of contemporary design and character - the perfect location for a leisurely break with friends and family.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Wither Hills embraces environmental sustainability by practicing the values of REDUCE (energy, non-renewable resource use and waste to landfill), RE-USE where possible and RE-CYCLE as appropriate. It's about taking a holistic approach to sustainable winemaking and grape growing.

### OUR CERTIFICATIONS:

- All our vineyards are Certified Sustainable Winegrowing NZ (SWNZ)
- Conservation of the Rarangi Wetlands in our estate Rarangi Vineyard where we've planted over 1,700 endangered plant species
- 2 Certified Organic vineyards (BioGrow NZ) – Benmorven & Taylor River (20%)
- Other selected vineyards are in conversion to organic certification
- International environmental accreditation of ISO14001
- ISO9001 (Quality Management)
- MPI approved Wine Standards Management Plan (WSMP)



# Wither Hills

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND

## OUR WAIRAU VALLEY WINES

### WAIRAU VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC

Sourced from a collection of vineyards throughout Marlborough's Wairau Valley, fruit is harvested at optimum flavor ripeness and kept separate throughout the winemaking process to ensure integrity of each site and to provide the greatest possible number of blending combinations. After fermentation in 100% stainless steel tanks the wines remained on light yeast lees to enhance palate feel and structure. Distinctly Marlborough, this Sauvignon Blanc exudes vibrant ripe citrus notes, crunchy greens and hints of tropical guava on the nose.

### WAIRAU VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Sourced from our two stunning estate Pinot Noir vineyards, Benmorven and Taylor River, each site was hand-harvested at optimum ripeness and kept separate throughout the winemaking process to provide the greatest possible individual expression. The fruit was cold soaked in square fermenters, inoculated with selected yeast strains, basket pressed and left to relax for 14 months in French oak barriques. Rich brooding aromatics full of dark wild berry fruits, alluring toasty spice and subtle earthy undertones blend together in a concentrated hedonistic bouquet delivering the hallmark Wither Hills Pinot Noir style which, if patient, will reward cellaring for up to 12 years.

### WAIRAU VALLEY ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

Strategically situated vineyards were chosen for this 100% Rosé of Pinot Noir from the Wairau Valley. The fruit was harvested at optimum ripeness for a fresh vibrant style of Rosé. The berries were gently pressed, cold settled, racked and cool fermented with selected yeast strains to enhance the unique aromatics and flavors. This inaugural Wither Hills Rosé is refreshing in style with perfumed aromas of wild strawberries and fresh raspberries.



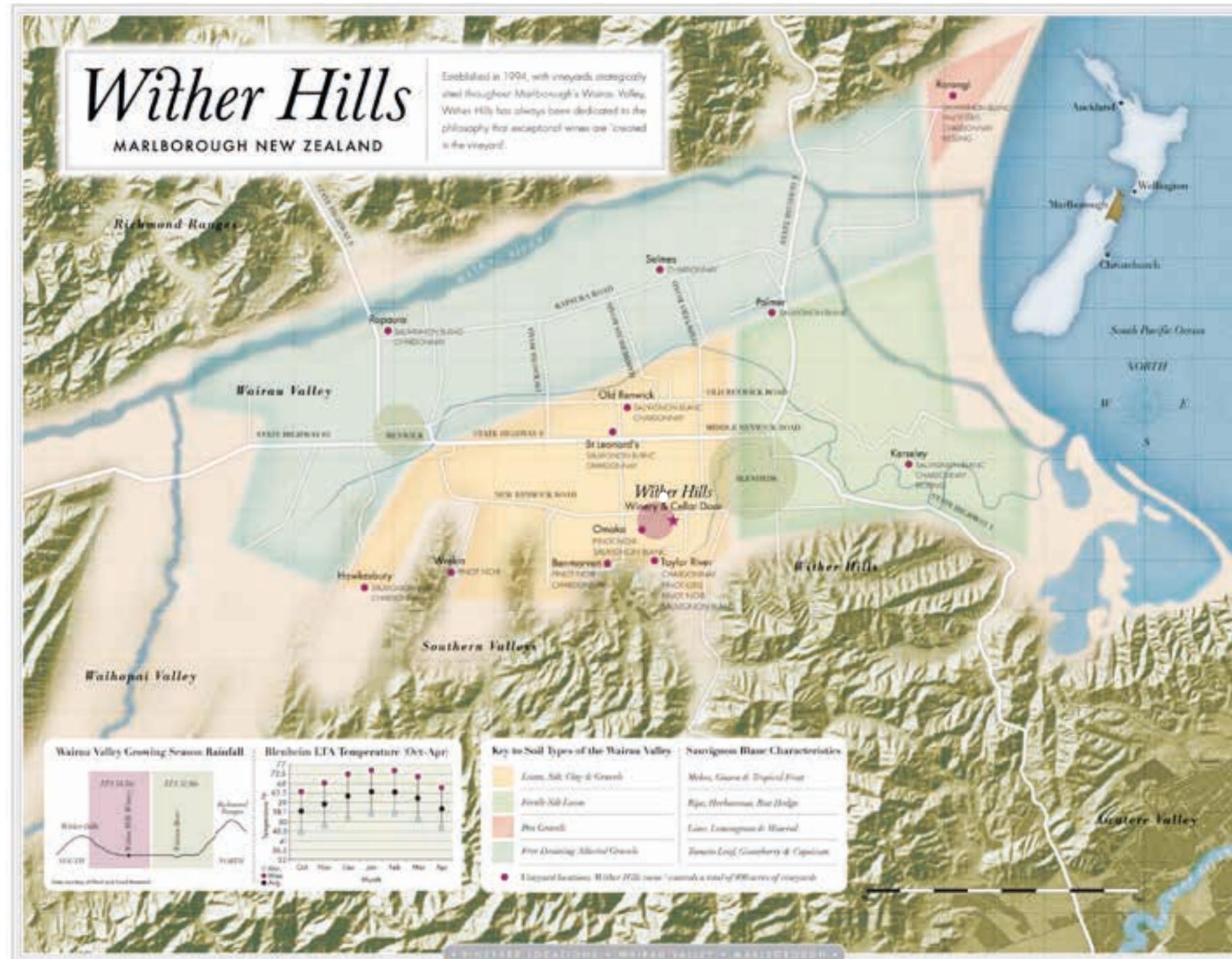
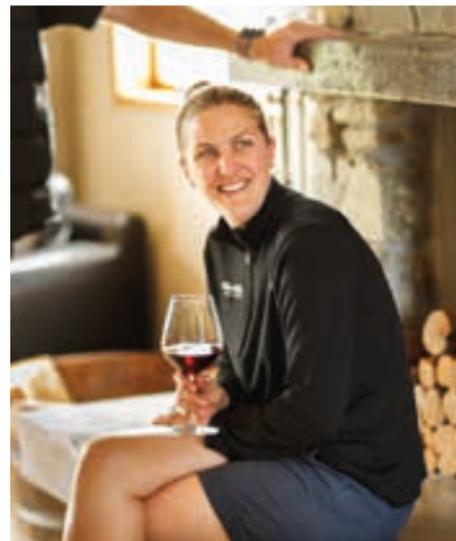
## OUR STORY

Founded in 1994.

Wither Hills winery lies in the shadow of the majestic Wither Hills, part of Marlborough's southern landmark range. Our vineyards are strategically sited throughout the Wairau Valley sub region of Marlborough with an incredible focus on Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir - varietals that are synonymous with Marlborough. Our state-of-the-art winery incorporates both innovation and tradition in our winemaking such as our traditional basket press for Pinot Noir. Wither Hills is committed to sustainability through our Rarangi wetland conservation program, organic farming on our Estate vineyard and Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand accreditation. Our hands-on approach and meticulous attention to detail, ensures we craft a focused range of wines that reflect our unique "turangawaewae" (place where we stand).

## SALLY WILLIAMS – WINEMAKER

An agricultural scientist from Australia, Sally's interest in winemaking came from her parents who love wine and live near the famous Coonawarra wine region. Having been part of the Wither Hills team for over 12 vintages, Sally has since married a Kiwi and started a family in Marlborough. With an appetite for crafting premium Pinot Noir, Sally's passion for Wither Hills has seen her travel the globe tasting and sharing the Wither Hills story.



## OUR VINEYARDS

With vineyards throughout the Marlborough region, our viticultural team work together with our winemakers to produce the premium quality fruit from which we craft our range of Wither Hills wines.

Three of our vineyards are particularly special to us: Rarangi, Taylor River and Benmorven - which produce our premium Single Vineyard range of wines. These character-driven wines demonstrate the synergy between region, vineyard, variety and our winemakers defining our unique sense of place.

**RARANGI** – Where the vines are cooled by the delicate sea breeze, Rarangi Vineyard combines a spectacular site situated a quarter of a mile from the coastline, interlaced with native wetlands and a unique mixture of soils - pea gravels to uplifted seabed. Rarangi is also home to our Wetlands Conservation Project.

**TAYLOR RIVER** – Where the vines drink from the river that carves through the valley, Taylor River Vineyard, situated directly behind the Wither Hills winery, is planted with Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir. One of two estate vineyards which supply fruit for our Wither Hills Pinot Noir, the site is comprised of old river bed, silt and clay loam soils which provide great structure to our wines.

**BENMORVEN (Certified Organic)** – Where the hills stand watch over the grapes that grow beneath them, Benmorven Vineyard is 100% clay soil, tucked into the foothills of the Wither Hills range. It has a uniquely protected microclimate, perfect for our Pinot Noir.

