

Haythornthwaite

Company Profile



Haythornthwaite Wines is a boutique family owned vineyard located on the ancient alluvial river terraces of Martinborough. This region has become known for producing world class Pinot Noir and is gaining a reputation for producing award winning Gewürztraminer, Chardonnay and Pinot Gris.

Established in 1992, Haythornthwaite Wines produces Pinot Noir, Pinot Rosé, Pinot Gris and is one of two vineyards in Martinborough growing Gewürztraminer. The vineyard was planted on two sheep paddocks of a sub-divided farm. Planting commenced in 1992 and was completed in 2006.

As a boutique single vineyard focusing on quality rather than quantity, we manage the property on sustainable vineyard best practices. All pruning, leaf plucking and picking is undertaken by hand. The time taken to walk the vineyards constantly monitoring the vines enables us to identify any problems of disease quickly and deal with them before they get out of control. Our focus is hand-crafted boutique wines truly reflecting the character of the region.

The Haythornthwaite label is taken from our family name. The logo HT3 that is ghosted behind the name on all of our branding originates from the days when Mark was employed in the computer industry with IBM. Our family name has HT three times in the name. In the days of punch cards, only eight characters were allowed for our surname so it was abbreviated to HTHTHT which quickly became HT3 and Mark adopted this as his name's acronym. The names accorded to each variety are Marks wife, sister, sisters in law and several friends– women who all play an important part in his life.

Christopher Buring, our winemaker, was born in Australia and comes from an old south Australian wine making dynasty. Chris moved to Martinborough over 20 years ago and is about to celebrate 49 vintages in the industry. A graduate of UCLA Davis, Chris joined Haythornthwaite Wines as the Contract Winemaker for the 2008 vintage.

We are proud to have contributed to the Martinborough regions success by growing award winning wines. We hope you enjoy our wines as much as we enjoy making them.

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