

Ata Rangi,
`Masters Vineyard` Pinot Noir 2024
Martinborough, New Zealand

ATA RANGI
· MARTINBOROUGH ·



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Helen Masters
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	13%
Acidity	5.1g/L
Wine pH	3.51
Notes	Certified Organic

PRODUCER

Ata Rangi, meaning 'dawn sky, new beginning' is owned and managed by a family trio – Clive Paton, his wife Phyll and his sister Alison. Clive planted the bare, stony five-hectare home paddock at the edge of Martinborough in 1980 and, in doing so, was one of a handful of people who pioneered grape growing in the area. Joined by winemaker Helen Masters, Ata Rangi is renowned for their Pinot Noir, which is consistently ranked as one of New Zealand's best and in 2010 was awarded the 'Tipuranga Teitei O Aotearoa,' New Zealand's 'Grand Cru' equivalent. Ata Rangi also produces a range of white wines including Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris.

VINEYARDS

The 'Masters' vineyard is owned and farmed by Ata Rangi winemaker Helen Masters and her family. This vineyard was established in 2002, 4km south of the Martinborough Terrace. Here, the alluvial gravels are mixed with clay which acts to retain moisture keeping the soils cooler than the more gravel dominant sites around Martinborough village. As the most southerly of the Ata Rangi sites, it is generally harvested around one to two weeks later than the other vineyards.

VINTAGE

The 2024 was an exceptional vintage characterised by low disease pressure and without extreme weather events. This ensured that the fruit was in pristine condition for harvest. The cool night temperatures in March helped to slow ripening and allowed the grapes to be harvested without any time pressures. It was a winemaker's dream vintage and the wines have great acidity with depth of flavour and a fine structure.

VINIFICATION

70% of the fruit was whole bunch pressed, with the remainder destemmed. This was followed by fermentation using indigenous yeasts. After pressing, it was transferred to oak to complete malolactic fermentation. The wine spent almost a year in French oak before blending and bottling without fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTES

The nose opens with savoury notes of cinnamon and sandalwood over layers of incense and orange. The palate features supple fruit, with bramble and subtle spice notes supported by fine tannins.