



New Zealand Organic Wine Awards

2015 Results

Welcome



After a successful debut in 2014, the New Zealand Organic Wine Awards has enjoyed large growth in terms of both participating vineyards and media interest for the 2015 awards.

We believe that the increased participation is due to both a successful debut season, but also an increase in organic certifications and conversions from both existing and new wineries.

Organic wine is a fast market growth area, with consumer demand and interest growing exponentially. Organic Wine doesn't just offer health benefits such as being pesticide free, and generally lower in sulphites; it is our principal belief that organic growing produces a better tasting product.

Traditional wine competitions tend to use a generic scoring system to judge wine's, which rarely lends itself well to organic wines. Organic wines are frequently more complicated than non-organic; but may lack some of the specific notes that judge's expect in a particular category, causing them to miss out on points.

Our judging was completed blind, by a large and varied tasting panel, and scored in accordance with what should be expected from an organic wine. All members on our panel are independent and not connected to any wineries partaking in the awards, as with all aspects of the awards, judging is undertaken

on a voluntary basis, so we wish to thank our judging team

Wine's were judged on a variety of factors and awarded points for each. Based on the points score for each wine, the top wines are assigned a 'medal'. Which can be displayed by the vineyard on the bottle in the form of a sticker, or used in marketing material in connection with the awarded wine.

The NZ Organic Wine Awards are dedicated to sustainable practices, for the 2015 awards we have introduced the 'NZ Organic Wine Awards Sustainable Vineyard of the Year' Award. Congratulations to Kaimira Estate on claiming this title in its debut year.

Throughout the coming months tasting notes will be made available on our website, along with full results list.

Congratulations to all vineyards, I truly believe that NZ is currently producing some of the very top organic wines in the world at the moment, which is something the NZ Wine community should be very proud of.

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NZ Organic Wine Awards Vineyard of the Year: The Darling
NZ Organic Wine Awards Sustainable Vineyard of the Year: Kaimira Estate
NZ Organic Wine Awards Wine of Show: Muddy Water Hare's Breath Pinot Noir 2012



Gold

The following wines have been awarded the highest accolades available.

The Darling Pinot Gris 2013
Terrace Edge Pinot Gris 2014
Loveblock Vintners Pinot Gris 2014
Villa Maria Single Vineyard Braided Gravels Merlot 2013
Babich Family Estates Headwaters Organic Chardonnay 2014
Sunset Valley Vineyard Chardonnay Reserve 2014
Richmond Plains Blanc de Noir 2014
Muddy Water Hare's Breath Pinot Noir 2012
Urlar Select Parcels Pinot Noir 2013
Fancrest Estate Pinot Noir 2011
Muddy Water Pinot Noir 2013
Terrace Edge Rose 2014
Muddy Water James Hardwick Riesling 2014
Loveblock Vinters Riesling 2012
Huia Gewurztraminer 2014
The Darling Barrel Sauvignon Blanc 2014
The Darling Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Villa Maria single Vineyard Templar Organic Sauvignon Blanc 2013
Giesen Organic Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Urlar Select Parcels Sauvignon Blanc 2013
Odyssey Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Richmond Plains Blue Moon Sauvignon Blanc 2014



Silver

The following wines have been awarded Silver.

Urlar Pinot Gris 2014
Sunset Valley Vineyard Pinot Gris 2014
Sunset Valley Vineyard Syrah 2012
The Darling Chardonnay 2013
Richmond Plains Chardonnay 2014
Villa Maria Single Vineyard Ihumato Organic Verdelho 2013
Highfield Pinot Noir 2012
The Darling Pinot Noir 2013
Urlar Pinot Noir 2013
Walnut Block Nutcracker Pinot Noir 2013
Sunset Valley Pinot Noir Reserve 2014
Fancrest Estate Pinot Noir 2010
Kaimira Estate Iti Selection Riesling 2013
Greenhough Hope Vineyard Riesling 2014
Babich Family Estates Headwaters Organic Gruner Veltliner 2014
Turanga Creek Par Nature 2011 Viognier
Kaimira Gewurztraminer 2013
Urlar Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Terrace Edge 2014 Sauvignon Blanc
Greenhough Hope Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Walnut Block Nutcracker Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Huia Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Invivo Organic Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2013



Bronze

The following wines have been awarded Bronze.

Kaimira Estate Pinot Gris 2013
Richmond Plains Pinot Gris 2014
Turanga Creek 'La Cote' Syrah 2012
Huia Chardonnay 2014
Kaimira Estate Pinot Blanc 2013
Huia Pinot Noir 2012
Te Mania Reserve Pinot Noir 2013
Babich Family Estates Headwaters Organic Pinot Noir 2014
Walnut Block Collectables Pinot Noir 2013
Richmond Plains Pinot Noir 2013
Kaimira Estate Riesling 2013
Sunset Valley Vineyard 2014 Rose
Wrights Wine Gewurztraminer 2013
Te Mania Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Richmond Plains Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Villa Maria Cellar Selection Marlborough Organic Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Loveblock Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Kaimira Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2014



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