



# Organic Library Stock Wine

## 2020 Results

“We’re trying to remove the guess work of a wines short term cellaring potential from our awards, creating greater trust in our findings ”.

*Our goal is to increase the market share of New Zealand’s organic wines domestically and internationally*

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## Foreword

The NZ Organic Library Stock Wine Awards (Vintage wine awards) were launched in 2018 as a proof of concept, to both discover without doubt how certain wines are ageing, and to then promote the cellaring potential of these wines to consumers.

The concept remains popular, both with wineries, but also consumers. As a consumer I often struggle to discern cellaring potential, a good number of consumers fall into the bracket of wishing to put some good wine aside, but not having the knowledge to take the plunge and decide what to purchase to cellar.

As always, we look back 5 vintages, in this case 2015.

2015 was plagued by late frosts in all regions, which in turn dramatically reduced yields. Cyclone Pam also caused issues at harvest time, with some picking earlier to avoid possible damage to crops. The remainder of the growing season was excellent, with long hot, dry stretches and above average sunshine hours for nearly all regions. The surviving crop of 2015 was deemed to be very promising.

Entry numbers for 2020 were slightly up from 2019, but still not as high as I would like, in order to promote credibility. We will evaluate this award over the coming six months before deciding on 2021.

Wines were judged as per the NZ Organic Wine Awards standard scoring criteria and then awarded a corresponding star rating (to differentiate these from the main NZ Organic Wine Awards accolades). This year we opted to only award 5 and 4 star wines, in an effort to truly recognise excellence.

If you have any feedback or suggestions with regard to the format, we welcome your response.  
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# Results

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Wine of the show: Terrace Edge Syrah 2015  
Champion Sparkling: Quartz Reef Methode Traditionnelle Vintage Blanc de Blancs 2015  
Champion Pinot Noir: Peregrine Pinot Noir 2015



## \*\*\*\*\* (5 star)

The following wines have been awarded the highest accolades available for 2020.  
A 5 star library stock rating represents an exceptional wine.

Amisfield Lowburn Terrace Riesling 2015  
The Darling Chardonnay 2015  
Rock Ferry Orchard Vineyard Pinot Blanc 2015  
Quartz Reef Methode Traditionnelle Vintage Blanc de Blancs 2015  
Rock Ferry Blanc de Blancs 2015  
Peregrine Pinot Noir 2015  
Quartz Reef Franz Ferdinand Pinot Noir 2015  
Judge Rock Pinot Noir 2015  
Domaine Thomson 'Surveyor Thomson' Single Vineyard Pinot Noir 2015



## \*\*\*\* (4 Star)

The following wines have been awarded a four star rating, or highly recommended for 2020.

Rock Ferry Riesling 2015  
Quartz Reef Single Vineyard Pinot Gris 2015  
Rock Ferry The Corners Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2015  
Seresin Raupo Pinot Noir 2015  
Aurum Mathilde Organic Pinot Noir 2015  
The Darling Pinot Noir 2015  
Quartz Reef Bendigo Estate Single Ferment Pinot Noir 2015  
Rock Ferry Trig Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2015  
Quartz Reef Single Vineyard Pinot Noir 2015  
Seresin Noa Pinot Noir 2015  
Aurum Madeleine Organic Pinot Noir 2015



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