

Richmond Plains Wines

From its inception, the Richmond Plains vineyard has been tended organically without the use of synthetic fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides or insecticides. It is the first vineyard in the South Island to have been developed organically and is one of a tiny band of fully certified organic vineyards in New Zealand.

Owner Lars Jensen runs the Richmond Plains growing and winemaking process in compliance with stringent organic standards, certified by Bio-Gro New Zealand. Achieving these standards means that vines take longer to come into full production, resulting in lower yields than conventional vineyards. This commitment to organic methods has created a unique terroir within a region renowned for high quality wine.

New Zealand's Nelson region is one of the New World's finest cool-climate, wine producing areas. The region's extended summer sunshine hours and cold, crisp winters combine with the free-draining soils of the Waimea Plains to create ideal grape growing conditions. This temperate climate, moderated by the nearby Western Ranges and sea breezes of Tasman Bay, is perfect for elegant white wines and well-structured, medium-weight reds.

Chardonnay:

Creamy peach aromas have a touch of soft lemon while the flavors are predominately character and structure based rather than big and fruity. The full, easy drinking style has a flinty mineral backbone with soft peach and spice based flavors. The long elegant finish rounds out another great value fine wine from Richmond Plains.

Sauvignon Blanc:

Classic top flight "Marlborough-style" from Nelson: intense sweatiness, lifted spicy passionfruit, knife-edged sweet to tart fruit balance. Powerful, clean, extremely focused, and nothing overdone.

Pinot Noir:

Cherry, plum and raspberry aromas with slight savory and chary oak characters on the nose. On the palate quite strong cherry and raspberry flavors with a good fruit sweetness. A softish, easy drinking wine but with good weight and length.

Reserve Pinot Noir:

From selected vines grown in the best of our stony soils and matured in new French oak barrels, this wine is full and round and exhibits classic Pinot fruit flavors with a delightfully smooth, smoky, earthy, savory finish. Will cellar well.

