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# BORTHWICK

NEW ZEALAND



Paddy Borthwick continues his family's progressive legacy of five generations in farming and fine food. His great-great grandfather, Sir Thomas Borthwick, originally a butcher, was a pioneer in the English meat trade, exporting frozen meat to destinations throughout the world. In 1936, Paddy's grandfather immigrated to New Zealand, purchasing Te Whanga Station 60 miles north of Wellington in Wairarapa. Te Whanga has since been handed down through three generations, accumulating an enviable history over 75 years as one of New Zealand's pre-eminent Angus cattle and sheep stations. The estate is now home to 700 Angus stud cattle and 10,000 sheep, grazing on 4000 acres of pristine farming country.

Following in his great-great grandfather Thomas's footsteps, Paddy sought diversification, recognizing the Wairarapa climate as ideal for noble vines. His passion compelled him to leave Te Whanga in 1985 to train in viticulture and winemaking at renowned Roseworthy College, Australia's first agricultural college (1883) and now part of the University of Adelaide. Paddy then embarked on a vinegrowing, winemaking career spanning 5 countries and 3 continents.

Returning home to the Wairarapa in 1996, fully equipped to realize his dreams, Paddy and his father Robin began planting Borthwick Vineyard. In Gladstone at Wairarapa's heart, the family's vines border the Ruamahunga River. This outstanding location boasts ancient, stony, free-draining, alluvial soils with a microclimate of warm daily temperatures, cool nights, and relatively low rainfall.

With a solid reputation for producing consistently excellent wines, Paddy and his family and all the other families working the station and winery play fundamental roles in making the vineyard, winery, farm, and the whole rural business both successful and enjoyable. Sustainable practices and minimal intervention favor distinctive single-vineyard character. In line with their legacy of international trade, the family exports 90% of its wine to other countries. The family is committed to sustainability and maintaining best practices within the vineyard, developing an asset for generations to come.

## **PADDY BORTHWICK SAUVIGNON BLANC** *Gladstone, Wairarapa*

Ranging in age from 8 to 16 years, the vines are all quite deeply rooted in the alluvial soils, and consequently easier to manage. The wine was blended after 5 months on lees. 13.1%, with 7.5g/l total acid, a pH of 3.34, and 2.6gms/l rs. For the 2017 vintage, the cool growing season made fruit with great flavor, delivering outstanding ripeness yet good acids. **91 points** *"Lively redcurrant aromas emerge on the nose of the 2017 Sauvignon Blanc. There's pink grapefruit as well in this medium-bodied, slightly creamy-textured Sauvignon Blanc... mouthful of bright, refreshing citrus and a long, crisp finish. Nicely done."*

## **PAPER ROAD CPR** *Gladstone, Wairarapa*

From vines ranging from 9 to 17 years of age, estate **Chardonnay, Pinot Gris** and **Riesling** blended to create an especially aromatic, balanced, and finely structured wine reminiscent of limes, peaches and pears. The younger vines are planted to lighter soils and yield quite tropical aromas and softer acidity. The older plantings bring good palate length, structure, and fruit sweetness. Fascinating integration. 13.5%, with a total acid of 4.9g/l, a pH: 3.29, and 3.2gms/l of residual sugar.

## **PAPER ROAD PINOT NOIR** *Gladstone, Wairarapa*

Meager rainfall and low humidity, strong diurnal temperature fluctuations, and fantastically deep, free-draining soils make this an exceptional environment for growing Pinot Noir fruit. Outstanding essentialized Pinot Noir character along with awesome concentration and depth from extended pre-fermentation maceration, and a temperature-controlled, natural yeast fermentation with hand plunging to optimize fruit/tannin balance; minimal fining and filtration prior to bottling. Aged 8 months in 100% French oak barrels, a selection of cooperages with 15% new. *A showcase for the purity of Pinot Noir, with spicy savory and bright, juicy red fruits. Medium-bodied with soft velvety tannins, interplay between sweet and tart cherry fruit, with a touch of chocolate on the lightly oaked finish and a lingering spicy zestiness.*



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