

STATION IMPORTS



Station News

The Good News

In a year that is, to say the least, a bit challenging, it is great to be able to report that sales of Central Otago wines are actually on the rise. Granted, the exchange rate is horrible and the economy here in the States is in general disarray, but the good value inherent in New Zealand wine is being recognized as a commodity that is well worth the investment....

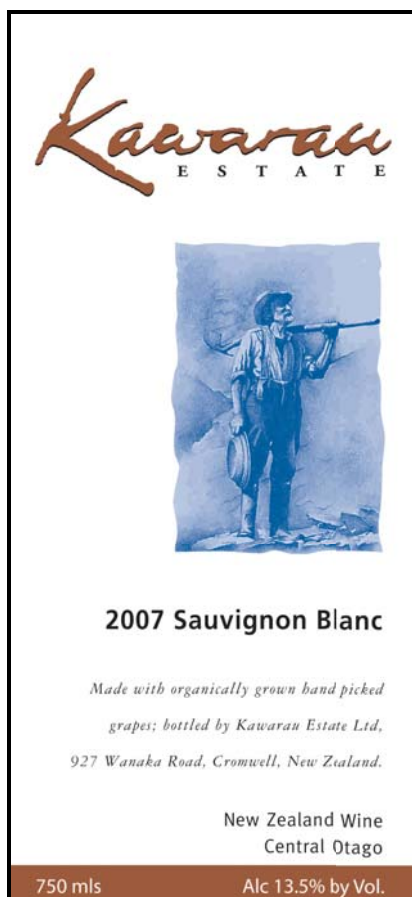
Neal Martin, writing for the Wine Advocate (April 2008), also has a few good things to say about New Zealand wine....

New Zealand is geographically much larger than many presume, a country with a dizzying array of terroirs and micro-climates... To describe New Zealand's wine industry as "dynamic" is an understatement: this is a precocious child determined to excel.... A country that has cultivated a reputation for quality rather than quantity....

These comments are similar to those from other serious wine critics who recognize that NZ wines deserve serious consideration....

Wine News

Kawarau Estate Organic From the Start



It seems that a tipping point has been reached and it's "cool" to be green!

However, 16 years ago Wendy Hinton and Charles Finney of Kawarau Estate (pronounced "ka-wah-row") simply decided that producing organic wine would be the best expression of the terrior of Central Otago New Zealand.

Kawarau Estate has been organically certified since 1996 and is the only Certified Organic Vineyard in Central Otago – producing distinctive single vineyard wines of the highest quality.

Unadulterated and a natural reflection of the emerging terrior, Kawarau Estate wines evoke descriptors such as *nuance, finesse, delicacy* and *purity*.

Kawarau produces Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc. The Chardonnay and Pinot Noir have a Reserve as well as an Estate label.

If ever there was a vineyard that [gives] a tantalizing glimpse of what NZ Pinot Noir can achieve with mature vines, then it is Rippon Vineyard...

95 points - Rippon 2004 & 2006 Pinot Noir

Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, April 2008

