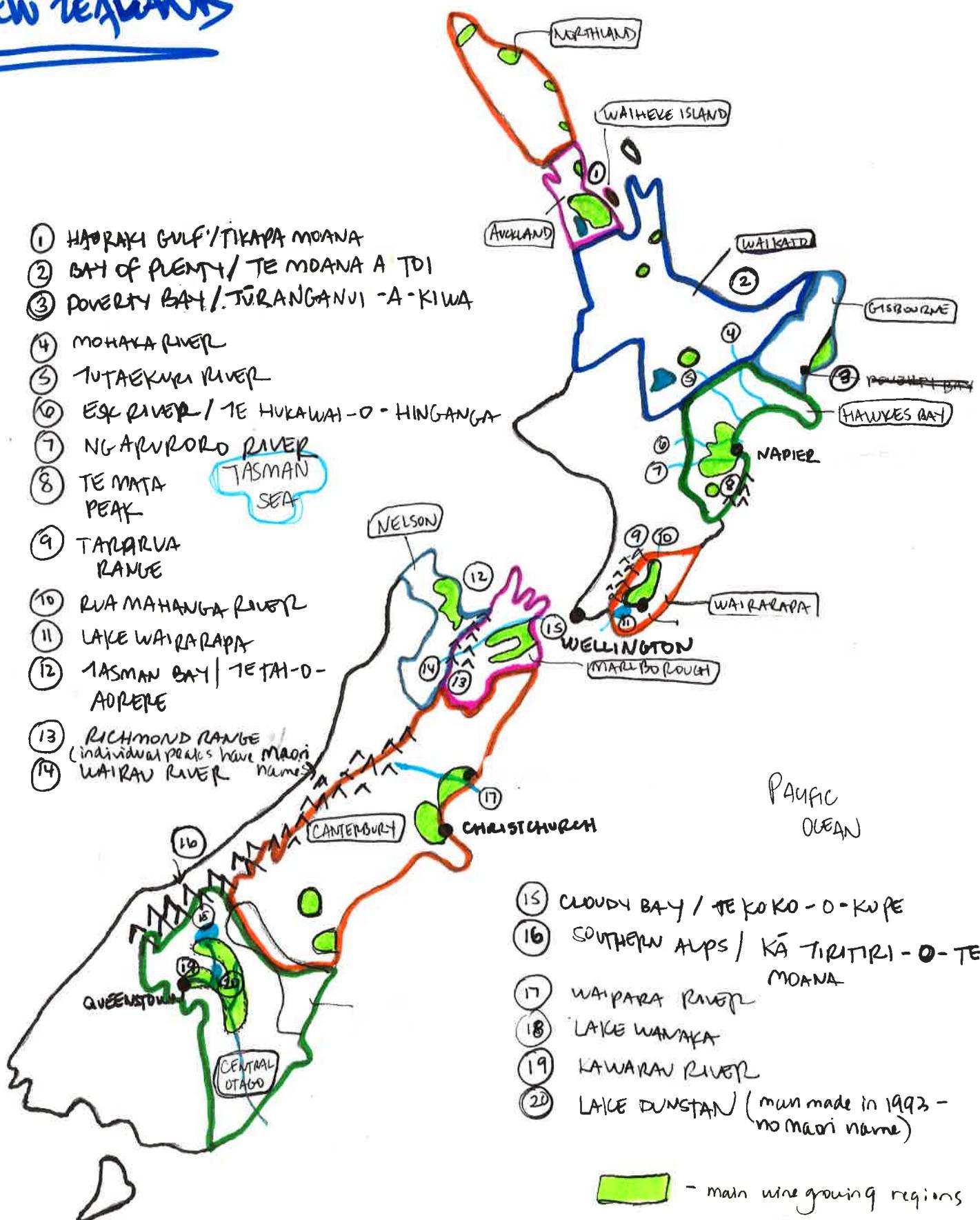


# NEW ZEALAND



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- 1830s - first wine production
  - James Busby (of NSW fame)
- Romeo Bragato
  - changed w/ studying NZ's vineyards, form of the country
  - vigneron from Victoria
  - identified most important regions, w/ the exception of Marlborough.
- Huge Temperance movement from 1909 - 1916
- Hybrid grapes common (b/c of phylloxera) until the 1970s.
- Young industry!

## NORTH ISLAND

- warmer
- less rainfall
- rainier
- same equiv. latitude as New Zealand (36° S of Northland)

## SOUTH ISLAND

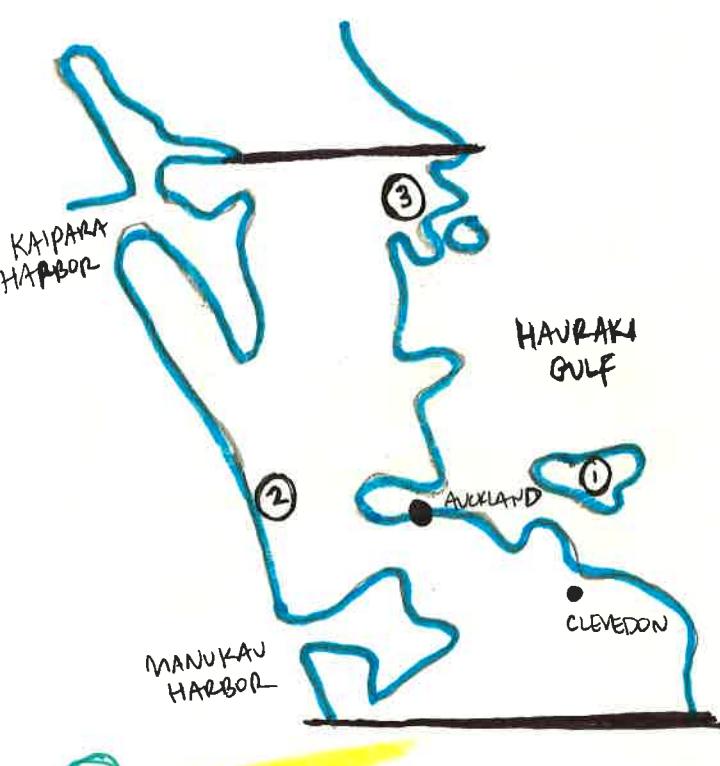
- Southern Alps create rainshadow effect → dry
- larger
- abundant sunlight hours + diurnal range
- 45° S // - as far south as 47°

- All NZ producers & growers belong to New Zealand Winegrowers, an organization founded in 2002 → joint initiative of the Grape Growers Council & NZ Wine Institute.
- Screwcap Initiative - 2001
- Declaring vintage or varietal is optional.

## NORTHLAND

- sub-tropical climate - humid, sunny + warm - 36°
- first vines in the country planted, in 1819.
- ~1% of NZ's production

## AUCKLAND



### ③ Matakana

- warm & humid
- young wine industry

### WINERIES:

- Kumeu River (Kumeu, West Auckland)
- Man O' War (Waiheke)
- Villa Maria
- Montana (under Pernod Ricard umbrella)
- Puriri Hills (Clevedon)
- Stonyridge Vineyard (Waiheke)

bigger companies

- volcanic, clay rich soils
- Bordeaux rods, Chardonnay, Syrah + Pinot Noir are most planted.
- warm + humid, maritime
- Sub-zones:
  - ① Waiheke Island**
    - much drier & sunnier than continental Auckland.
    - renowned for BDX blends, Syrah
  - ② West Auckland**
    - includes Kumeu, Thapai, Waimauku
    - Chardonnay + Merlot
    - humid w/ fertile soils

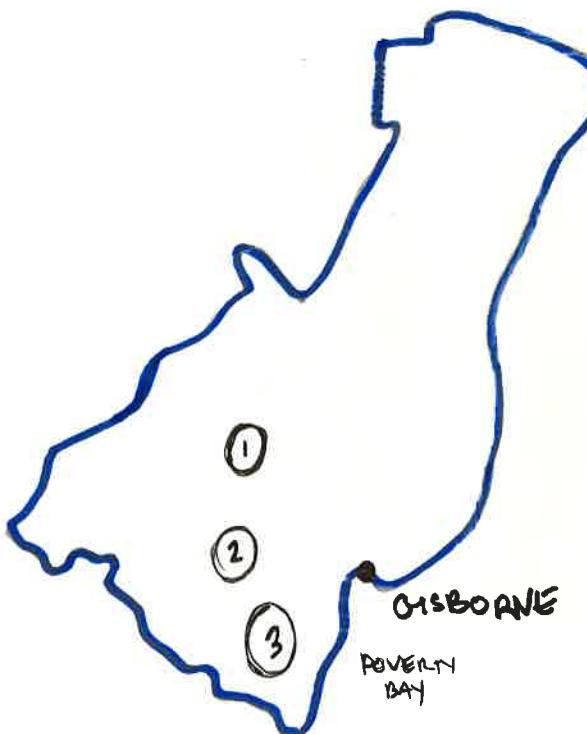
# WAIKATO / BAY OF PLENTY

- Chardonnay, Cab + SB
- ~ 1% of production

## OISBOURNE

- aka Poverty Bay

- 1960s - Montana (now Pernod Ricard NZ), Penfolds + Corbans Wines set up here + mass production → today, 3rd largest wine region
- Chardonnay + Gewürztraminer - 1st + 2nd most planted grapes
  - Pinot Noir is #2 in terms of plantings. Successful
  - very little red wine - struggle to ripen
- High sunshine hours + warm climate
  - often the country's first grapes to be harvested
- Sub zones:
  - ① Ormond - foothills of Paekakariki Ranges
    - "The Golden Slope" of Oisbourne → best Chardonnay
  - ② Papakahi - warmer inland site
    - Gewürztraminer
  - ③ Manaia - Chardonnay → coastal breezes & better drained soils

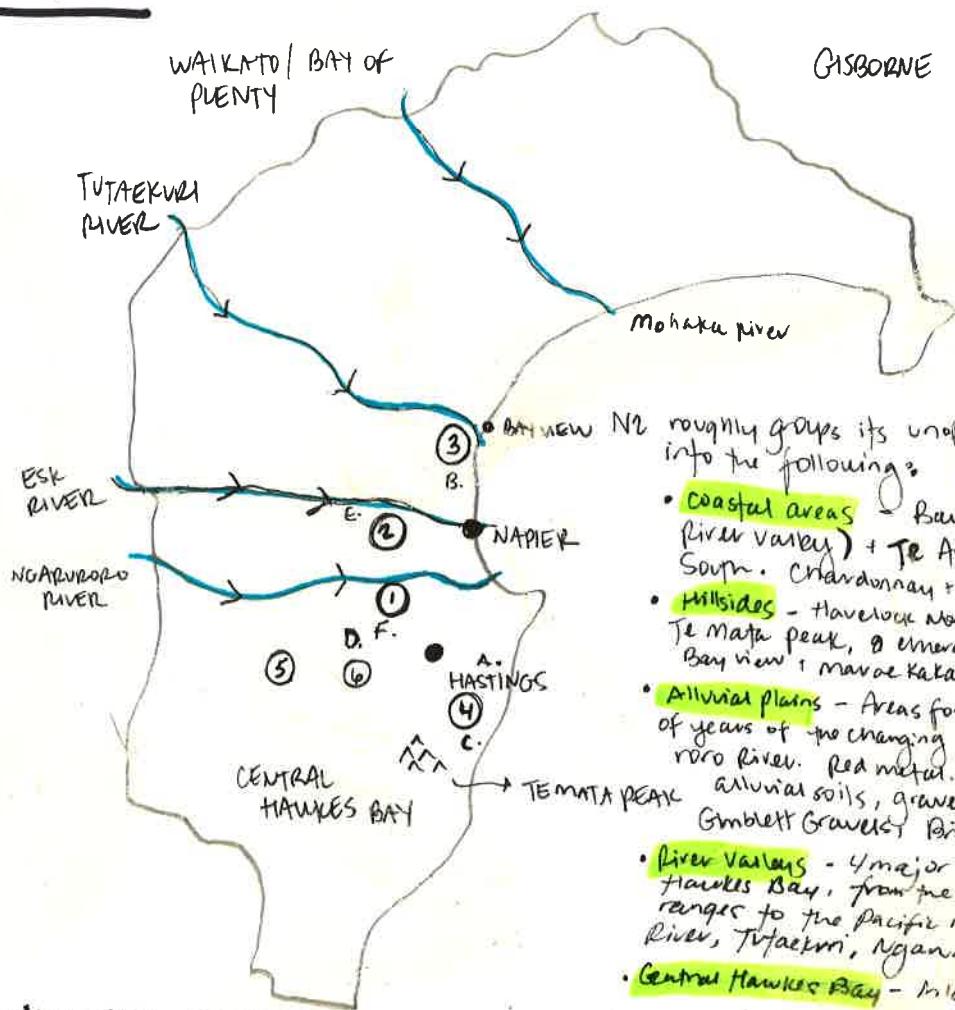


### PRODUCERS:

- Milton - Chard, Riesling, Pinot, Syrah + Gewurz.  
(Manuope)

# HAWKES BAY

- ① Gimblett Gravels
- ② Dartmoor Valley
- ③ Esk Valley
- ④ Havelock North
- ⑤ Maraekakaho
- ⑥ Bridge Pa



- cooler, wet weather can pose disease threat, but free draining soils help.
- NZ's second largest wine region
- very sunny w/ heat summations somewhat b/t Burgundy & Bordeaux - maritime climate tempers heat + lengthens growing season.
- Bordeaux grapes (red), Chardonnay, Syrah, SP, Pinot Gris
- Soil variety - greywacke gravel to heavy silt, sandy loam

## WINEMAKERS:

- A. - Te Mata - "Coleraine" + "Awatea"
- B. - ESK Valley - "Terraces"
- C. - Craggy Range - "Le Sol" (Syrah)  
- "Sophia"
- D. - Sileni Estate
- E. - Sacred Hill
- F. - Ngatatarawa

## Sub-Regions:

- Gimblett Gravels - Ngaruroro River, deep shingle soils
- Esk Valley
- Havelock North

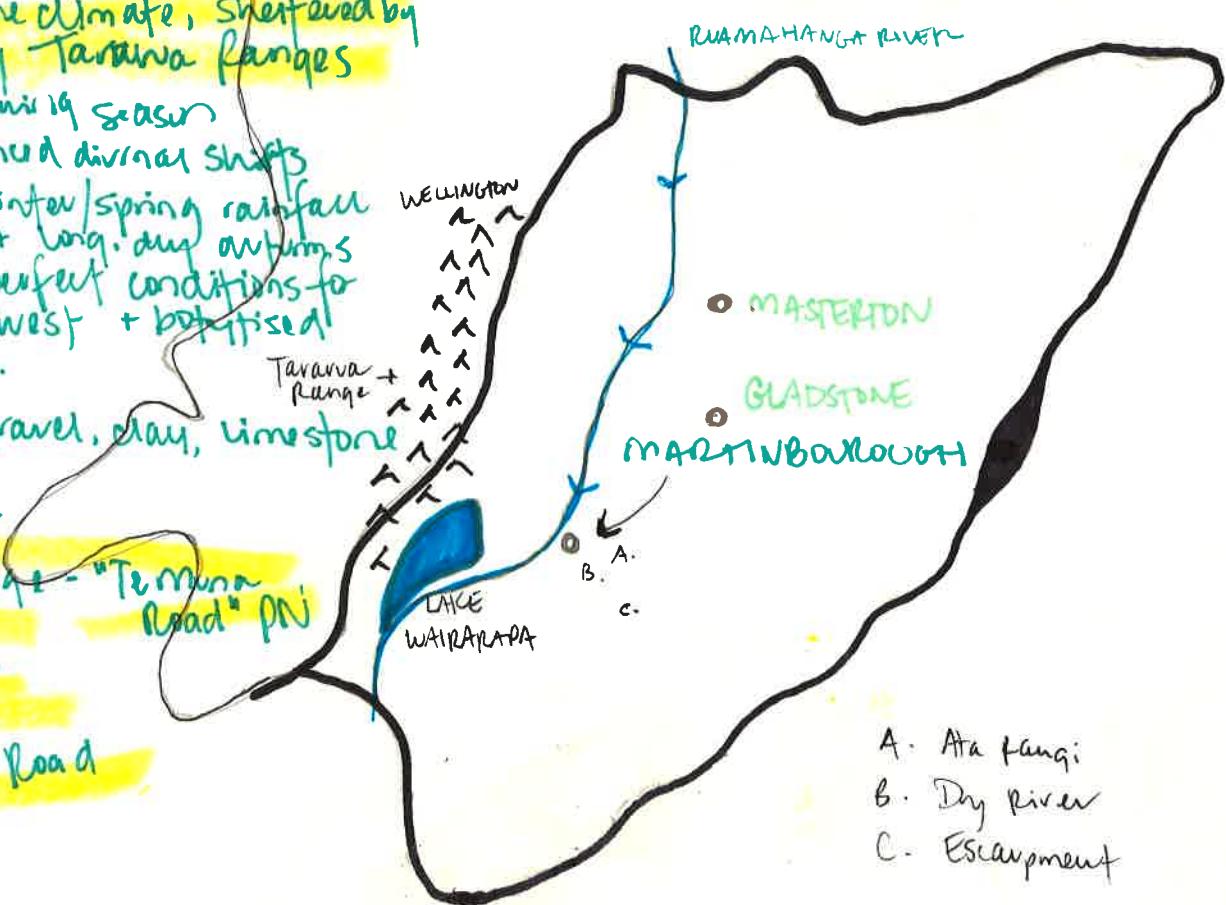
# WAIRARAPA

- "Glistening Waters"

- 3 main sub-regions:
  - Martinborough (2)
  - Gladstone (1)
  - Masterton (3)
- PN, SB, Chard, Syrah + dessert wines
- Entire region is officially called Wellington, but Wairarapa is the only wine region.
- Semi-maritime climate, sheltered by the western Tararua Ranges
  - long growing season
  - pronounced diurnal shifts
  - ideal winter/spring rainfall patterns + long, dry autumns create perfect conditions for late harvest + botrytised wines.
- Soil: loam, gravel, clay, limestone
- PRODUCERS:
  - Craggy Range - "Teruna Road" PN
  - Ma Maison
  - Margrain
  - Dry River
  - Cambridge Road

PN

- Ata Rangi
- Escarpment
- Martinborough Vineyard



- A. Ata Rangi
- B. Dry River
- C. Escarpment

# NELSON

- Sunniest wine producing region in all of NZ, but also rainiest on the South Island.

- Chardonnay, SB, Riesling + PN
- Smallest wine producing region on the South Island.
- SB is the most planted grape

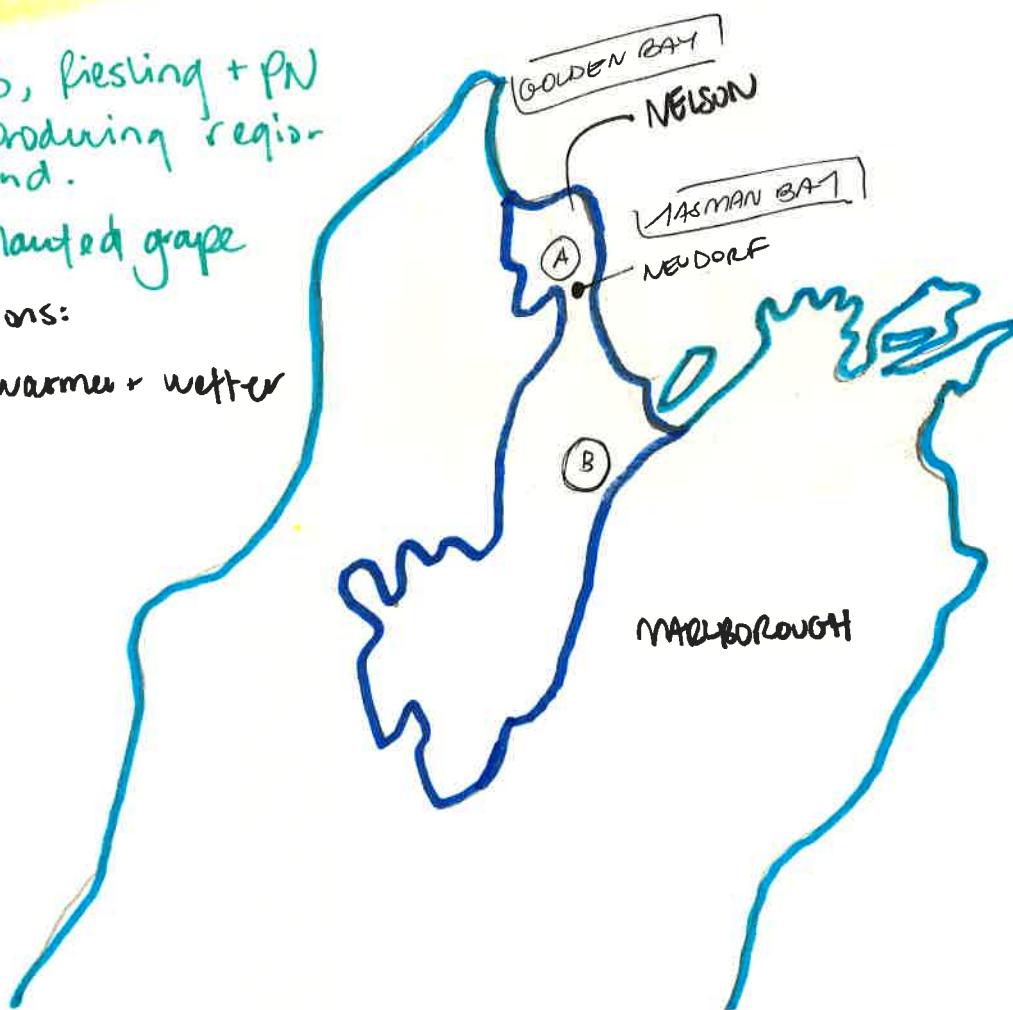
- Unofficial subregions:

A. Moutere Hills - warmer & wetter

B. Waimea Plains

## PRODUCERS:

- Newdorf
- Seifried



# MAORI BOROUGH

## SUB-REGIONS:

### 1) WAIKAWA VALLEY

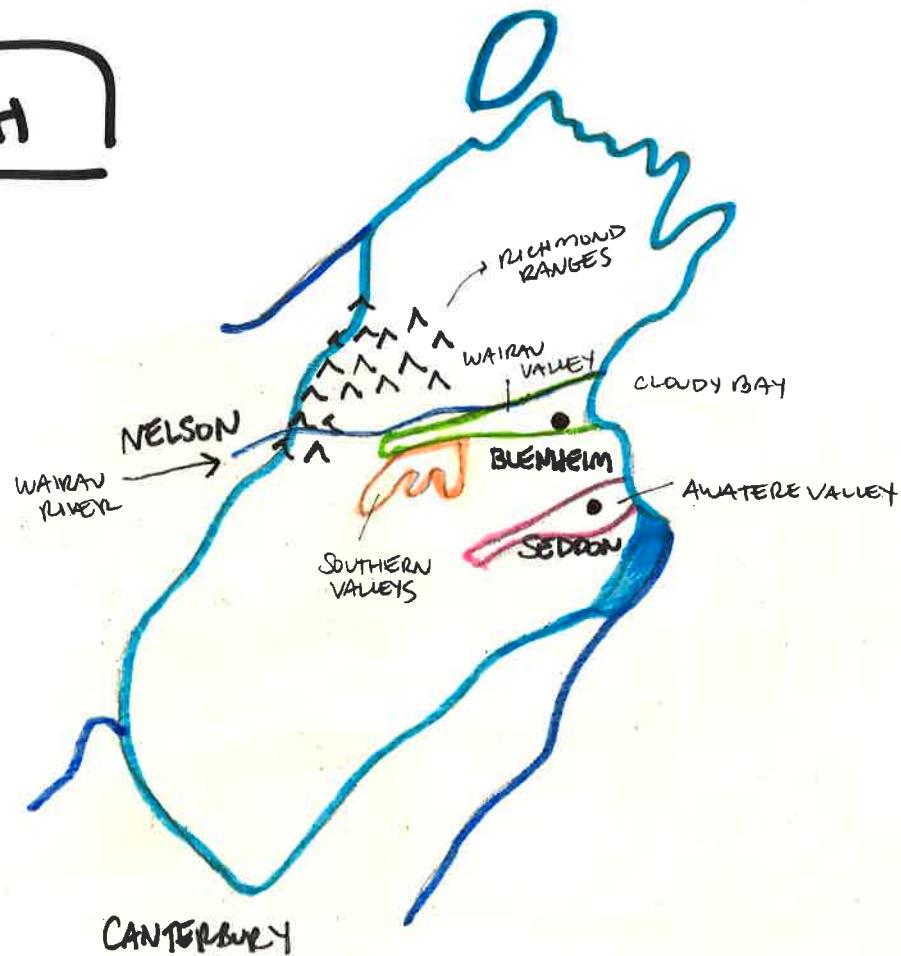
- cooler, drier inland sites.

### 2) SOUTHERN VALLEYS

- more heavy clay
- known for PN

### 3) AWATERE VALLEY

- cooler, drier, windier + elevation.



- Over 20,000 ha of vines -  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the national total [17.829 is SB followed by PNr chara]
- Sunniest + driest region of NZ
- The Wairau River bisects the valley west to east, w/ the Richmond Ranges to the north, and foothills to the south.
- Montana - through subsidiary wineries such as Brancott & Fairhall - controls  $\frac{2}{3}$  of Marlborough's ~~area~~ vineyards.  
→ Lindauer, the most exported sparkling wines in the country.
- Sparkling wine v. important  
→ Cloudy Bay, Kim Crawford, Hunter's, Lindauer
- Sandy alluvial topsoil over gravel → excellent drainage  
→ more water-retentive sites induce a more herbaceous character.
- Irrigation is widespread
  - Allan Scott
  - fromm
  - Hunter's
- Producers:
  - Cloudy Bay
  - Saint Clair
  - Pyramid Valley (based in Canterbury)
  - Kim Crawford
  - Craggy Range (based in Hawke's Bay, but w/ winery here)
  - Dog Point - Section "94", etc.
  - Seresin - "Rachel" PN
  - Villa Maria (based in Auckland)
  - Spy Valley

## CLOUDY BAY

- founded by David Hohnen in 1985
  - had previously founded Cape Mentelle (now both owned by Moët)
- founding winemaker Kevin Judd left in 2009 to set up his own winery, Greywacke (also Marlborough)
- Te Koko
  - wild fermentation + aging in french oak (8% new).
  - partial muf
- Te Wani - Central Otago estate

## MONTANA

- now referred to as Brancott Estate, NZ's largest wine company.  
w/ vineyards in Hawke's Bay, Marlborough + Waipara.
- purchased by Pernod Ricard in 2005
- five wineries spread across the country:

- 1) Brancott (Marlborough)
- 2) Church Road (Hawke's Bay)
- 3) Corbans (Hawke's Bay, closed 2012)
  - established by McWilliams in 1981
- 4) Montana Osborne
- 5) Tamaki (Auckland)

- key brands:
  - 1) Church Road
  - 2) Montana/Brancott Estate
  - 3) Deutz - collaboration since 1988.
  - 4) Lindauer - stand alone brand for sparkling wine. Pernod Ricard sold to Lion Nathan in 2010.

## Kim CRAWFORD

- Launched in 1996, owned by Coopers Creek at the time
- Scandal in 1998 involving the brand using other grapes besides Sauvignon Blanc in its wines
- They left the Coopers Creek Umbrella + established their own contracts w/ growers (Kim + wife Erica)
- Strong pockets of support - including the gay community in Auckland
- Captured the sub-Cloudy Bay (\$15-\$17) market share in the US.
- The Crawfords sold to Vinor in 2003 (which was bought by Constellation brands in 2006)
- Now have own vineyard in Awatere Valley called Loveblock.

# CANTERBURY

- Spans nearly 200 km of the South Island's Eastern coastline.

→ Southern Alps to the west & Pacific Ocean to the east.

- Sub-zones

## ① Waipara Valley

- Slightly warmer than the rest of Canterbury → sheltered by coastal mts & S. Alps
- Riesling, PN + Chard

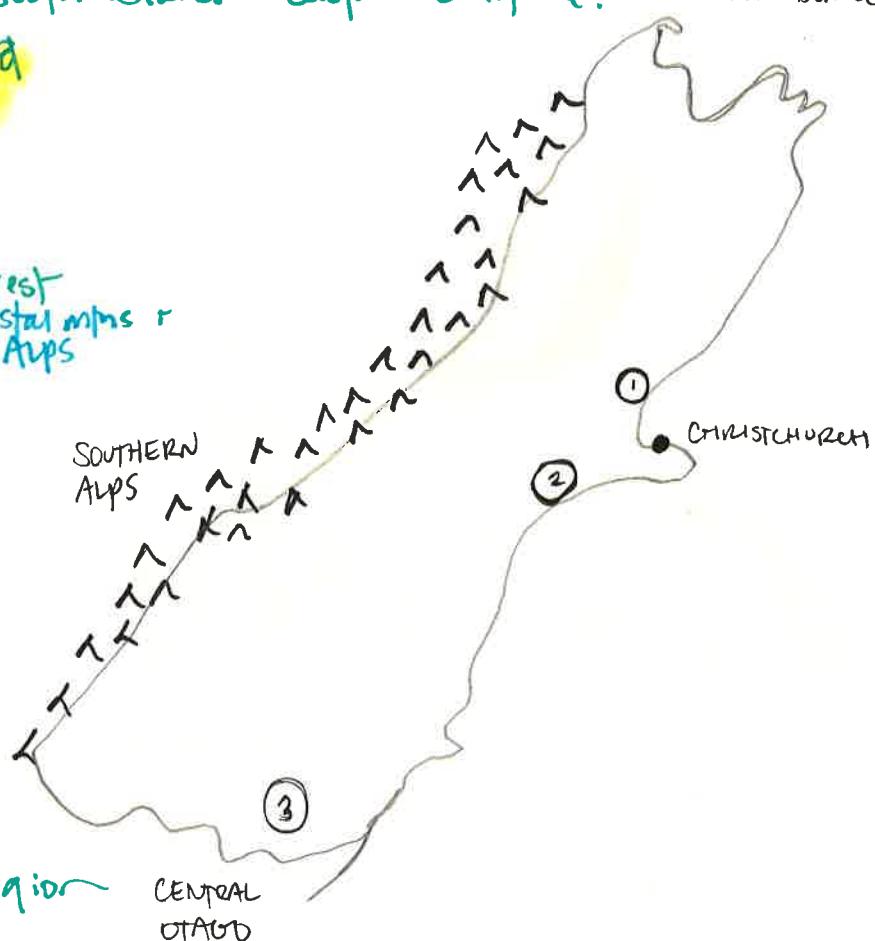
## ② Canterbury Plains

- Banks Peninsula
- greywacke gravel
- cooler than Waipara
- Riesling + PN

## ③ Waikari Valley

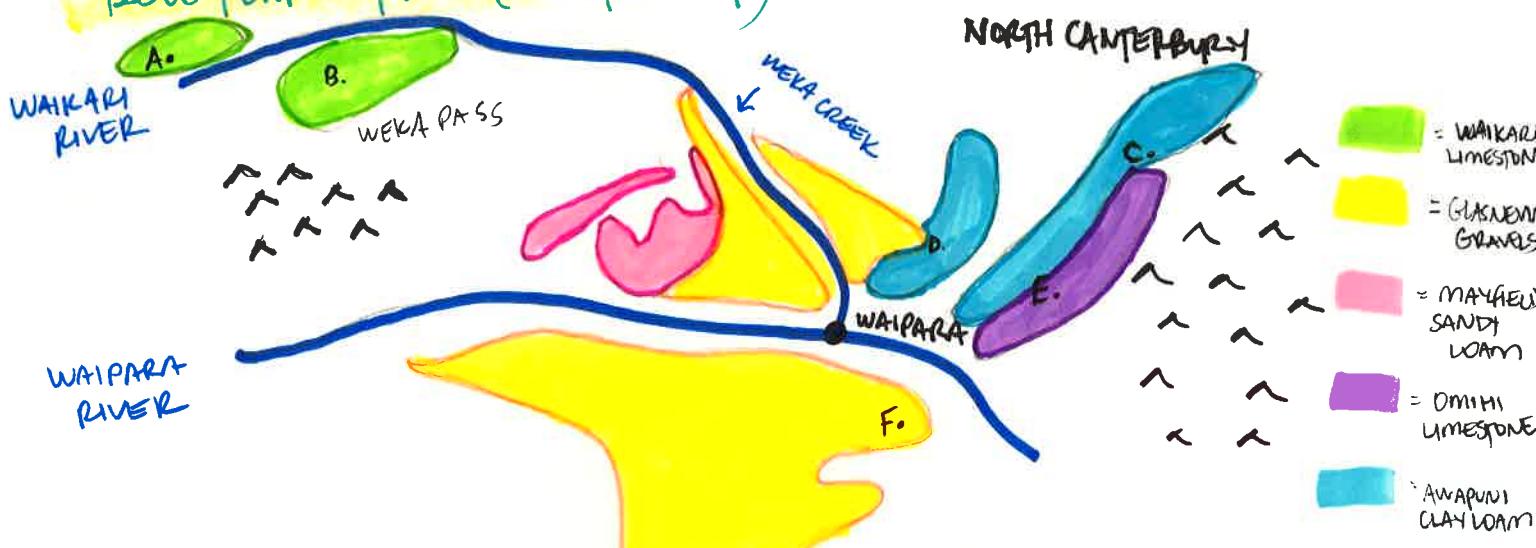
- shared w/ Otago
- predominantly Pinot Noir

- SB is most planted grape in the region



## PRODUCERS:

- Pyramid Valley - "Earth Smoke PN" (North Canterbury)
- Oster - "Caroline" PN (Waikari Valley)
- Bell Hill - PN (Canterbury)



A. Pyramid Valley B. Bell Hill C. Black Estate D. The Crater Rim E. Creststone F. Regasus Bay

# BELL HILL

- Established in 1997
- Named for its bell-like shape on its southern side
- Located in the Waka pass under a large, overhanging limestone shelter.
- founded by Marcel Giesen + Sherwyn Veldhuisen
- north-facing exposures, high density planting
- releases from 1999 to 2001 went under the "Old Waka pass road" label. Starting in 2005, "Bell Hill" Chardonnay & Pinot Noir was made. Old Waka pass is still made as a "second label".

# OTAGO

- Sub-regions all lie w/in close proximity, but b/c of mountainous terrain, each occupies a unique niche of climate, aspect of altitude. Soils vary considerably, but a stony, free-draining base is common to all.
- PN is by far most planted grape (1356 ha) w/ Ptnot Gris leading varieties (~ 248 ha).
- World's southernmost wine region & the country's highest. Semi-continentality
  - frost common
  - low humidity
  - dry autumns
  - diurnal variation
  - greater seasonal temperature extremes
- Northern exposures are common.
- Sub-zones:
  - ① Wanaka - cooler & wetter. Lake moderates.
  - ② Gibbston - highest, coolest sub-region
  - ③ Bannockburn
    - south bank of Kawarau River
    - warmest, driest sub-region → earlier harvest
  - ④ Alexandra
    - seasonal extremes
    - high diurnal
    - southernmost
  - ⑤ Bendigo
    - warmest of all sub-regions
  - ⑥ Cromwell/Lawburn/Pisa
    - west of Lake Dunstan

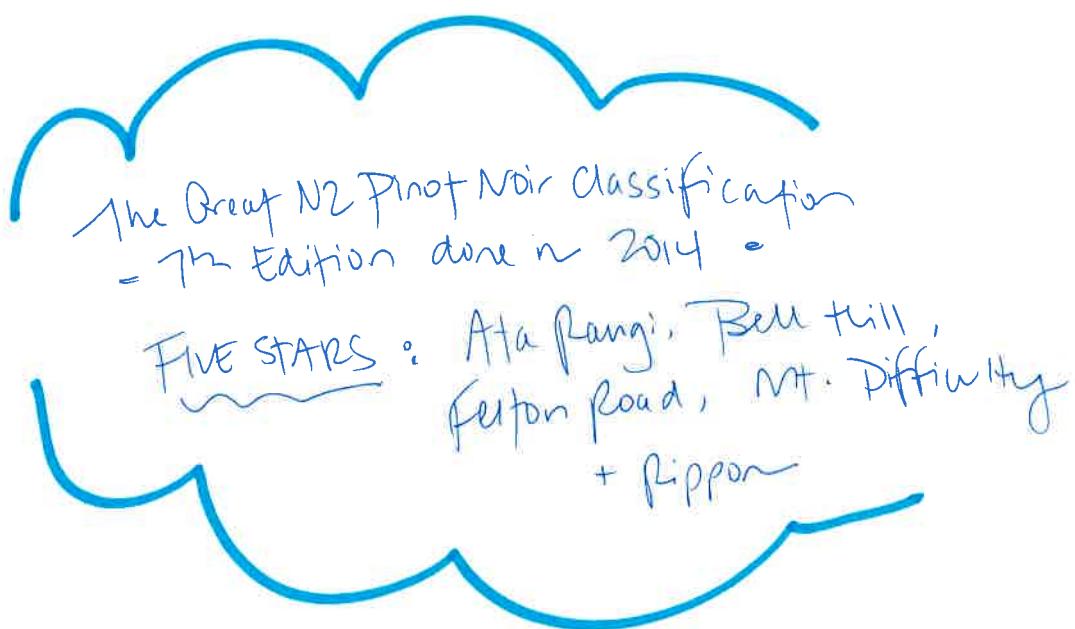


## PRODUCERS:

- A. Rippon "MatureVines" PN
- B. Felton Road
- C. Burn Cottage
- D. Mt. Difficulty
- E. Akana
- f. Peregrine

# FELTON ROAD

- dates back to 1991, when Stewart Elms planted the Elms Vineyard on falcon road, in the Bannockburn sub region of Central Otago.
- range of 5 Pinot Noirs:
  - Cornish point
  - Block 3
  - Block 5
  - Calvert
  - Bannockburn
- 25-30% whole bunch
- 100% stem sweep now.



## VINTAGES

- 2017 - Wet + cool
- 2016 - Excellent for Marlborough.
- 2015 - Dry weather → concentrated, ripe wines
- 2014 - Generally excellent year, w/ particular buzz for Hawke's Bay.
- 2013 - Yields down, but great vintage, especially on the North Island.
- 2012 - One of the worst years on record
- 2011 - Warm + ripe across NZ.
- 2010 - Easy vintage, but low yielding
- 2009 - dry, high quality vintage
- 2008 - A lot of rot. Not a distinguished vintage
- 2007 - Good, if not outstanding, in most regions, except Martinborough.
- 2006 - Warm + dry → great for Cab + Syrah
- 2005 - Small crop, high concentration
- 2004 - good quality everywhere except Otago, which suffered heavy frosts.
- 2003 - Spring frosts brought yields down. Ok quality.
- 2002 - warm weather good for Cab + Syrah, less good for Sauv. Blanc.
- 2001 - Exceptional on the South Island, lighter wines on the North Island.
- 2000 - Wet. Marlborough fared better.