



HAWKE'S BAY WINE
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Hawke's Bay Wine Trade Tasting

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Hawke's Bay Wine, in partnership with Sommeliers Australia, is proud to present this Trade Tasting event which offers the opportunity to explore the depth and diversity of Hawke's Bay Chardonnay.

We'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first peoples and Traditional Owners and custodians of the land and waterways on which we stand.



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Our Region

Forged by wide rivers flowing from mountain ranges across the Heretaunga Plains to the coast, Hawke's Bay is a region of remarkable geographical diversity - reflected directly in the exceptional range and quality of wines it produces.



Located on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island, Hawke's Bay is one of the country's most significant and dynamic wine regions, 4,500 hectares extending across a diverse landscape of river valleys, alluvial plains, hillside sites and coastal environments. From the vantage point of Te Mata Peak, the landscape reveals a mosaic of river valleys, alluvial plains, rolling hills and coastal sites - shaped over time by rivers such as the Ngaruroro River and Tukituki River, and sheltered by the Ruahine Range and Kaweka Range.

The climate is warm, dry and maritime-influenced, with 2,200-2,300 sunshine hours annually and moderate diurnal variation. Prevailing north-westerly winds and low rainfall reduce disease pressure, while proximity to the Pacific Ocean tempers summer heat and supports an

extended ripening period. Growing degree days align broadly between those of Burgundy and Bordeaux, enabling both phenolic ripeness and acid retention. Free-draining soils and airflow further mitigate frost risk and support consistent vine performance.

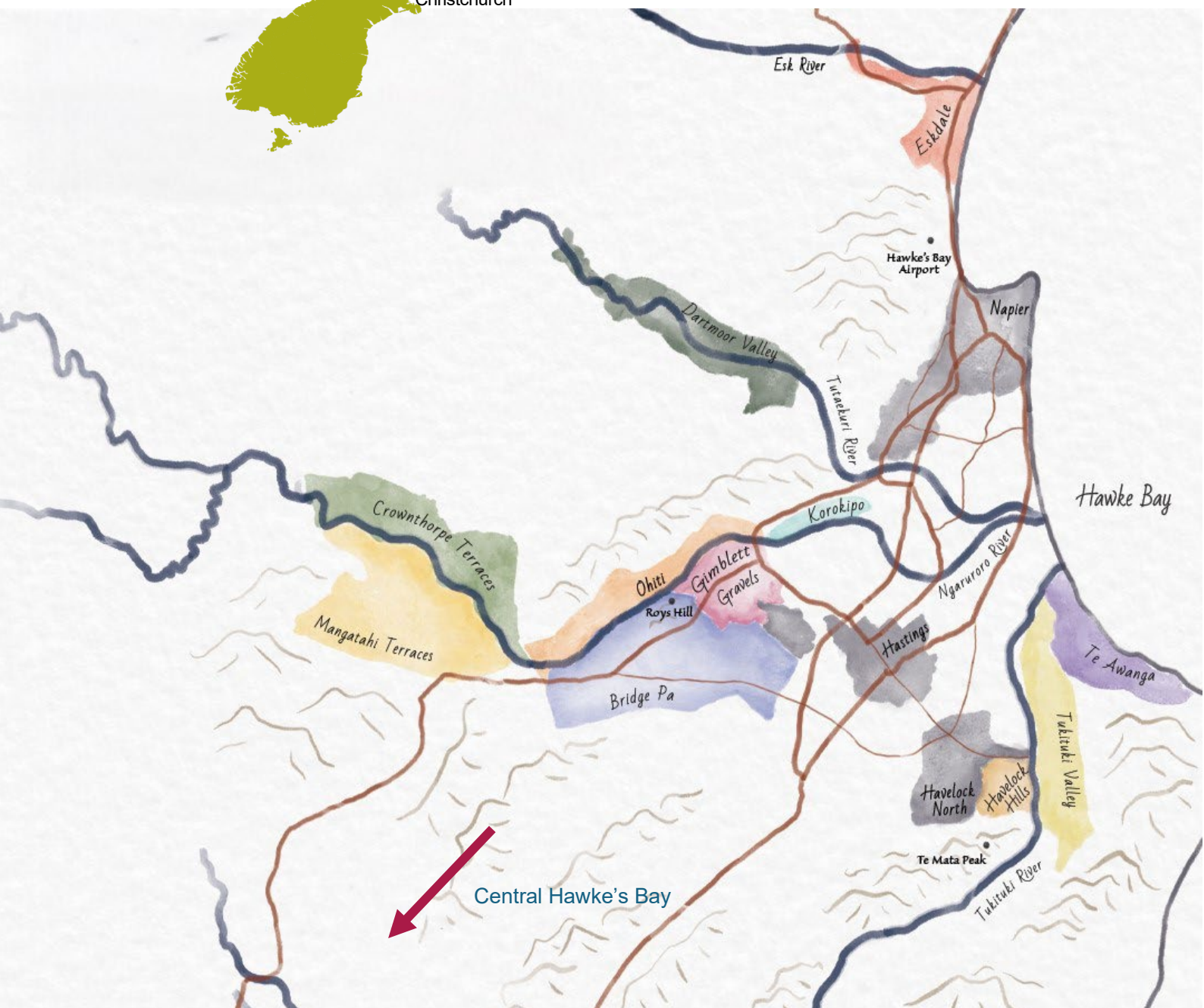
The region's terroir is remarkable in its geological diversity. Over millennia, rivers such as the Ngaruroro River and Tukituki River have carved terraces and plains, depositing a complex mosaic of more than 25 soil types - from free-draining gravels and sands to limestone and clay loams. These low-vigour soils, combined with varied elevations and aspects, provide an ideal foundation for viticultural precision and stylistic diversity.

More than 100 wineries operate across Hawke's Bay, producing wines that reflect both innovation and a deep connection to place. The region has built an international reputation for premium Bordeaux-style red blends, Chardonnay, and increasingly Syrah, alongside vibrant aromatic whites and emerging alternative varietals such as Tempranillo, Sangiovese, and Albariño.

Sustainability is central to Hawke's Bay's future. Growers and winemakers are embracing organic and biodynamic practices, precision viticulture, and environmentally conscious production methods to enhance quality while protecting the land. This commitment ensures that Hawke's Bay continues to deliver wines of authenticity, character, and global relevance.



Hawke's Bay offers a highly differentiated viticultural landscape, where climate, geology and human input converge to produce wines of structure, clarity and regional definition.



Albarino Brothers

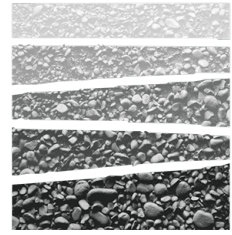
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Aorangi Road

Quiet achievers, grower-driven quality

Aorangi Road vineyards are a collection of independently owned Sites shaped by passionate growers. Focused on low yields and careful vineyard management, they supply premium fruit to a range of winemakers. Their story is one of consistency and collaboration - built over time through strong relationships and a shared commitment to quality.

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Wines Presented:

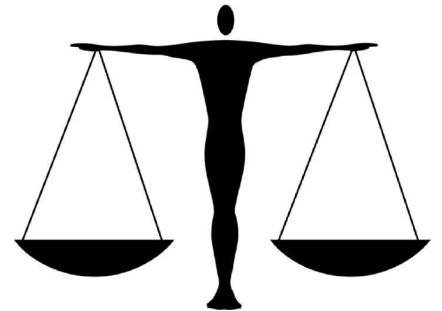
- Single Vineyard HB Sauvignon Blanc

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Bilancia

Balance, elegance, and experience

Bilancia is a boutique, family-owned winery in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. Established in 1997 by winemaking couple Lorraine Leheny and Warren Gibson, Bilancia (Italian for "balance" and the star sign Libra) produces elegant, site-driven wines with a focus on harmony and terroir. Renowned for exceptional Chardonnay, Viognier/Marsanne/Roussanne, Syrah and particularly their flagship *la collina* Syrah from their home vineyard, Bilancia crafts refined, age-worthy wines that consistently earn critical acclaim.



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Wines Presented:

- 2024 Bilancia Chardonnay
- 2025 Bilancia Syrah
- 2024 Kaikora Vineyard Chardonnay
- 2022 Tiratore Chardonnay
- 2021 Tiratore Chardonnay
- 2024 la Collina

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Chateau Garage

Small batch, big personality

Chateau Garage is a boutique family owned winery. Ollie hand crafts wines from wonderful vineyards across Hawke's Bay using French oak, clay and ceramic vessels. Classic, expressive and intriguing wines that highlight the incredible diversity of Hawke's Bay soils and climate.



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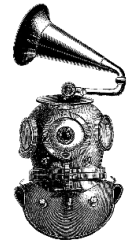
- Wild Ferment Lulu Rose 2025
- Cornerstone Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2024

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Decibel Wines

Modern, vibrant, and approachable

The passion project of a former rock band manager, Decibel is a counter-culture winery. Driven to produce fine but fun wines from sustainable sites, Decibel bottles complement a laden table surrounded by loved ones. A philosophy lived in earnest from our central home in Hastings, where the Decibel urban tasting room sits as the vinous heart of the city.



DECIBEL

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Wines Presented:

- Decibel 'Giunta' Pinot Gris 2025
- Decibel 'Giunta' Chenin Blanc 2025
- Decibel Sauvignon Blanc 2024
- Decibel Chenin Blanc 2024
- Decibel 'Giunta' Crunchy Red 2024
- Decibel Malbec 2024

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- Willow Chardonnay 2025
- Stone Paddock Chardonnay 2025
- Red (Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc) 2021
- Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2021
- Stone Paddock Scarlet Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc 2021
- Stone Paddock Cabernet Franc 2021

Trusted name, enduring quality



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- 2024 Gimblett Gravels Chardonnay
- 2023 Gimblett Gravels Syrah
- 2021 Gimblett Gravels Merlot
- 2021 Gimblett Gravels Cabernet, Merlot, Malbec
- 2024 Declaration Chardonnay
- 2021 Declaration Syrah

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“I cannot think of another wine region in the world that is capable of producing world class Chardonnays alongside Red Blends to challenge Bordeaux and Syrah’s to rival the Rhone.”



Jasper Morris MW



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