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DISCOVER MATAKANA, NEW ZEALAND

The Matakana Wine Trail is a journey of discovery. Take the Highway north across the Harbour Bridge through picturesque rural and coastal scenery - the trip takes 45 minutes from the bridge. Turn right at Warkworth into Matakana Road where the Matakana Wine Trail begins, continuing east of Matakana Village to points off the Leigh Road, returns back to Sharp Road and the Sandspit Road area. If a winery is open by appointment, give them a ring - they're usually on site and will make your visit an experience to remember. Download the Matakana Wine Trail App to sample, view, dine and relax. Enjoy the Character, Diversity and Passion of the Matakana Wine Trail!

CHARACTER

Vineyards draped across sunny north-facing hills greet you as you drive into the rustic, charming town of Matakana. As you discover the wineries, oyster farms, potteries, beaches, popular markets and so much more, you'll get to meet the friendly locals and hear all their stories. Only 40 minutes north of Auckland, Matakana is a town full of character.

DIVERSITY

With the first vineyard planted in the early 70s, now Matakana has one of the most diverse mixes of grape varieties in New Zealand. 28 different French, Italian, Spanish, even Austrian varieties, comprising 11 whites and 17 reds. While white wines like Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Albarin  show consistent excellence, the climate is also warm enough to ripen such red wine varieties as Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. Be sure to taste the silky Italian varieties such as Sangiovese, Dolcetto, Nebbiolo, Barbera and Montepulciano. The wines of Matakana are constantly evolving and reflect with distinction their sense of place, climate and community.

PASSION

Come and meet the winegrowers and discover their passion for wine. Don't consider it simply visiting another cellar door, immerse yourself in their wine world. If a winery is open by appointment, give them a ring and make an appointment, ask questions and soak it all in. Matakana wines are truly boutique, and it's the people behind those delicious wines, the people who handpick the grapes themselves, that will make your visit a special one.

OPEN FOR TASTING

- A ASCENSION WINE ESTATE** 480 Matakana Rd, Matakana Ph: 09 422 9601 www.ascensionwine.co.nz Open Wed to Sun 11am-4pm
- B BRICK BAY WINES** 17 Arabella Lane, Snells Beach Ph: 09 425 4690 www.brickbay.co.nz Open daily 10am-5pm year round
- C HERON'S FLIGHT** 49 Sharp Rd, Matakana (down long drive) Ph: 09 950 6643 or 021 025 88203 www.heronflight.co.nz Group bookings through winery by request. Open 7 days 10am-5pm
- D HYPERION WINES** 188 Tongue Farm Rd, Matakana Ph: 09 422 9375 www.hyperionwines.co.nz Open 10am-4pm weekends & holidays, January every day, closed for winter
- E MATAKANA ESTATE** 568 Matakana Rd, Matakana Ph: 0800 568 686 www.matakanaestate.co.nz View website to see today's hours

OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

- F MATAVINO WINES** 6 Hamilton Rd, Warkworth Ph: 021 621 124 www.matavino.co.nz Open Sat & Sun only, 12-5pm from end Oct to Easter, other times by appointment
- G OMAHA BAY VINEYARD** 169 Takatu Rd, Matakana Ph: 09 423 0022 www.omahabay.co.nz Open Wed to Sun 11am-5pm (summer) Fri to Sun 11am-4pm (winter)
- H RUNNER DUCK ESTATE** 49a Sharp Rd, Matakana Ph: 02 7915. Plume Restaurant www.plumerestaurant.co.nz Open Wed to Sun 11am-4pm
- I SCULPTUREUM & ROTHKO** 40 Omaha Flats Rd, Matakana Ph: 09 422 7375 www.sculptureum.nz Open Mon, Thu & Sun: 11.30am - 2.30pm, Fri & Sat: 11.30am - Late
- J THE VINTRY** Matakana Village - cinema lobby Ph: 09 423 0383 www.vinty.co.nz Open 7 days, 3pm until late
- K GILLMAN VINEYARD** 99 Sharp Rd, Matakana Ph: Toby 021 037 3445 toby@gillmanvineyard.co.nz www.gillmanvineyard.co.nz
- L SALTINGS ESTATE VINEYARD** 1210 Sandspit Rd, Matakana Ph: 09 425 9670 or 021 404 313 www.saltings.co.nz Boutique accommodation by the vineyard
- M TAKATU VINEYARD** 518 Whitmore Rd, Matakana Ph: 09 423 0299 www.takatulodge.co.nz Luxurious boutique lodge with 4 suites surrounded by vines

OTHER VINEYARDS

- N COXHEAD CREEK VINEYARD** Coxhead Creek Rd, Leigh Ph: Julia 021 192 4013 www.coxheadcreek.co.nz
- MAHURANGI RIVER WINERY** Ph: 021 896 698 gary@mahurangiriver.co.nz www.mahurangiriver.co.nz
- O MONARCH ESTATE VINEYARD** 150 Monarch-Downs Way, Matakana Ph: Rachael 021 863 463 www.monarchestate.co.nz View website for tasting details
- P NOLA FAMILY VINEYARD** Ph: Karl 021 817 478 Upper Whangateau Rd
- Q RIFT WINES** 167 Tongue Farm Road, Matakana Ph: Anto 021 730 407 www.riftwines.co.nz
- R TE RATA WINES** 191 Takatu Rd, Matakana Ph: Justin 021 880 864 www.terata.co.nz
- S THE GABION** Te Kie Point, South end of Omaha Ph: 09 377 5303 enquiries@thegabion.co.nz



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The Gabion Vineyard is situated at Te Kie Point at the south end of Omaha Beach. The towering free-standing gabion walls that surround the owner's residence are depicted on the wine label. The Gabion wines, made from Cabernet Franc and Merlot, bear more than a passing resemblance to high quality Right Bank Bordeaux reds.



One of the few natural wineries in New Zealand, Te Rata produces a range of organic, avant-garde, minimal intervention wines. All our wines are wild fermented, with no added sugar or sulfites and minimal fining and filtration. We are firm believers that natural winemaking creates wines with a soft, unique richness and undeniable liveliness of flavour. Get in touch with Justin for a private tasting so you can also experience the natural wine difference!



Farmer's for more than 40 years, Bill and Deb Coates have swapped livestock for rootstocks, now growing Syrah and Chardonnay in Matakana. Their hillside vineyard is named RIFT after the colourful and somewhat fractious history of the property, as well as being a nod to the gaping cracks that open up in their clay soils during the summertime.



The Dalmatian tradition - living life well, growing quality grapes, making memorable wines - is in Karl's blood. His wife describes Karl's relationship with his vines as an obsession. Karl and Sheelagh look forward to offering their first vintages in 2020.



TE RATA WINES

RIFT WINES

NOLA FAMILY VINEYARD

CHARACTER, DIVERSITY, PASSION



OPEN FOR TASTING

ASCENSION WINE ESTATE

The gateway to the Matakana wine region - a spectacular winery appearing over the hill like a piece of Tuscany. The friendly team who run the cellar door also manage the vineyard, winery, restaurant and function centre. They live and breathe their boutique wines. Drop in and meet the Ascension team on your way into Matakana Village.



BRICK BAY WINES

As you step into the spectacular Glass House, you're stepping into cellar door heaven. Cantilevered over a shimmering lily pond, you'll taste estate-grown wines featuring a classic Pinot Gris, vibrant Rosé, elegant Chardonnay and distinctively complex Bordeaux blends. Listen to how the Didsburys' vision for the land came to life, showcasing contemporary New Zealand sculpture in a sublime native landscape on the Sculpture Trail. A sensational menu offers relaxed all day dining.



HERON'S FLIGHT VINEYARD, WINERY & CELLAR DOOR

Mary and David will welcome you and chat about being Matakana's first cellar door in the 80s. As New Zealand's only vineyard exclusively growing Italian grapes, they will share their enthusiasm for Sangiovese and Dolcetto. Their dedication to organic principles and ancient winemaking techniques led them to import a 500L terracotta amphora from Tuscany to produce a unique Sangiovese. "Does the Best Italian Wine Come from... New Zealand?" (CondeNast, 16). Visit and decide for yourself!



HYPERION WINES

This rustic cellar door - a character-filled historic cow shed, leads you into the history of John & Jill Crone's Hyperion Wines story, and if you're lucky down to the barrel room and genuine boutique winery where everything is done on site. The wines are all straight varietals including Pinot Noir, Malbec, Chambourcin and Chardonnay. Plus the ubiquitous Pinot Gris. "Hyperion reminds me of a small French winery" Bob Campbell MW.



MATAKANA ESTATE

Visit the region's largest vineyard and discover why Matakana Estate's diverse range of premium wines are so popular locally and internationally. Hear how they've established close cross-cultural ties between our quaint town of Matakana and China, creating unique wine and dining experiences. With a cellar door overlooking rolling vineyards, you will enjoy a taste of award-winning wines that express the fruit characters and terroir of this landmark estate.



MATAVINO WINES

With help from friends and family, Matavino owner Jim Hight planted some truly interesting Italian red varieties from the Piedmont area. Visit Jim in his cellar door, inside the winery where you can taste his Dolcetto, Nebbiolo and the acclaimed Barbera, as well as his Chardonnay and Viognier (named 'Amelia' after his eldest granddaughter). View a traditional winemaking method involving ancient clay amphorae, which gives his wines that unique flavour.



OMAHA BAY VINEYARD

On the road to Tawharanui, you'll discover OBV - the vision of owners Hegman and Bev Foster. You'll drive through the beautiful family-owned vineyard to the cellar door and barrel hall where you can taste OBV's elegant wines, including their sought-after Rosé and Montepulciano. Stay for a delicious platter and take in the breathtaking 360° coastal views over Omaha Beach and Little Barrier Island.



RUNNER DUCK ESTATE

Clyde and Farida left colourful Mumbai to pursue their passion for food and wine in New Zealand. Falling in love with Matakana, they purchased their vineyard, Runner Duck Estate, and later Plume Restaurant. Experience Farida's passion for global cuisine and Clyde's knowledge and love for wine. Drop into Plume to taste their delicious Runner Duck Estate wines, delightful cuisine and relax with glorious landscaped vineyard views.



SCULPTUREUM & ROTHKO

Best known for its sculpture gardens and indoor art galleries, as well as Rothko, the incredible restaurant. However, owners Sandra and Anthony Grant have combined their passion for wine and art to create award-winning wines. The Garden Series and Art Series include a Bordeaux blend, Syrah, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and 2019 will see the first Rosé release.



THE VINTRY

A friendly boutique bar and tasting room, showcasing Matakana's local wine, craft beers, premium spirits and cocktails. Located in the heart of the Village, enjoy a glass of Matakana wine on their sunny deck, reclining in leather chairs by the fire, even take it into the movies. The friendly bar staff are proud ambassadors of Matakana's wines. You can even buy bottles to take home at cellar door prices.



OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

GILLMAN VINEYARD

Toby Gillman discovered his passion for wine volunteering at a local vineyard, spending his first student allowance on a bottle of Matakana wine! Having learnt the art of winemaking locally and travelling to Bordeaux, Toby now proudly offers one of New Zealand's most exclusive and sought-after red wines - an elegant and complex blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Malbec.



SALTINGS ESTATE VINEYARD

Handpicked Syrah and Malbec grown on a warm, north-facing slope overlooking Sandspit. We create premium wines from vital living soil and healthy vines. Using biodynamic principles, we enhance the quality of our land and grow grapes of exceptional flavour and colour.



TAKATU VINEYARD

The lodge and vineyard embrace vista views of the Pacific Ocean, Mt Tamahunga and rolling pastures. Traditional winemaking techniques are followed, using only immaculate fruit, low cropped to respect the nature and location of the vineyard. These are beautifully balanced wines which age slowly and gracefully.



OTHER VINEYARDS

COXHEAD CREEK VINEYARD

A boutique family vineyard owned by Michael and Julia producing quality wines which express the unique character of Matakana. Grapes are handpicked and bunch pressed. All varietals, Cabernet Franc, Rosé, Chardonnay and Verdelho, are single vineyard grown and available online.



MAHURANGI RIVER WINERY

The clay soils in this rolling north-facing vineyard were planted with Bordeaux and Rhone varieties and produced limited quantities of distinctive wines, each with remarkable intensity and character. 2016 was the last vintage grown. Wines available online.



MONARCH ESTATE VINEYARD

A vineyard and venue in a barn full of character and charm, set amongst the vines, owned and run by Rick and Rachael Coates and their friendly vineyard cats, Ragdolls Jake and Roxy. Try their ever-popular Rosé, Matakana's only pure Merlot and the 5-star Kaleidoscope Series Chardonnay. Did you know that a group of butterflies is called a Kaleidoscope?

