

MARTINBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND



Palliser Estate is a boutique vineyard based in the renowned Martinborough area. For over two decades, the people have been carefully looking after this wonderful corner of New Zealand, producing quality wine for the world to enjoy. Excellent Parker ratings joined by other wine critics proof the perfect growing conditions in one of the best known regions in New Zealand.

Palliser Estate is well established as a leading winery in the ultra premium grape-growing region of Martinborough. The Palliser Sauvignon Blanc is one of the 100 Must-try wines by Michael Cooper, but also its Chardonnay and Pinot Noir delivery a truly exceptional value for money!

Martinborough's fertile and free-draining soil was created over the course of 20,000 years, as the Ruamahanga River and its contributing rivers exposed stony sub-soils, built up layers of alluvial river terraces and cast its silty river loam across the landscape.

To continue to produce these great wines, Palliser puts a lot of effort to protect the environment. Excellent soil to produce excellent wines is only possible in a healthy, fertile environment. As a result Palliser estate has developed a sustainable approach to the land. They closely monitor and minimise all the impacts the winery has on the environment – from the sprays applied in the vineyard to all the packaging materials used.







PENCARROW SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016

Pencarrow is the second-tier label of Palliser Estate, but this is typically a satisfying wine in its own right. More openly accessible, and if anything more up-front in flavour.

Varietal: Sauvignon Blanc

Winery: Palliser Estate Wine region: Martinborough

Winemaker: Allan Johnson Alcohol: 13.5% Residual sugar: 2.8g/l Cellaring potential: 2019

Closure: Screwcap

Tasting Note

The nose is gently full and soft in volume with aromas of pungent passionfruit with green capsicum and lime notes that build to show subtle intensity. Dry to taste and medium-bodied, the flavours of passionfruit, capsicums and herbs show with a stylishly restrained richness and lusciousness, forming a soft core with a fine phenolic texture and line. Balanced, soft, lacy acidity lends energy and the wine flow easily to a delicately lush, light, lingering finish. This is a soft, rounded, passionfruity Sauvignon Blanc with a subtle lusciousness.

Winemaking

All Martinborough fruit from estate vineyards plus 'Clouston' and 'Southdown', cool-fermented in stainless steel, the wine aged 6 months on lees with stirring.

Accolades

17.5/20 - Raymond Chan





PENCARROW PINOT NOIR 2015

Pencarrow is the second-tier label of Palliser Estate, but this is typically a satisfying wine in its own right.

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Winery: Palliser Estate Wine region: Martinborough

Winemaker: Allan Johnson Alcohol: 13.9% Residual sugar: 4.2 g/l Cellaring potential: 2019

Closure: Screwcap

Tasting Note

Light ruby-red colour with slight garnet hues, paler on edge. The nose is elegantly concentrated with a solid core of dark-red berry and red plum fruit entwined with spices, dried herbs and a little resinous, nutty oak. Medium-full bodied, the palate is well-packed with rich flavours of dark-red berry and plum fruit with notes of liquorice, spices, dried herbs and subtle oak elements. The mouthfeel has good presence with fine, grainy tannin structure supporting the fruit and providing weight and body. The acidity is integrated and the wine carries positively to a moderately fulsome, lingering, rounded finish of savoury berry and plum fruit. This is a well-packed, near-fulsome Pinot Noir with good body and grip, showing dark-red berry and plum fruit with herb, liquorice and oaky notes.

Winemaking

Fruit from the company's 'Palliser', 'Clouston', 'East Base', 'Pinnacles' and 'Wharekauhau' vineyards and the 'Collins' vineyard, indigenous yeast fermented with 5% whole clusters to 13.5% alc., the wine aged 11 months in 27% new oak.

Accolades

18/20 Raymond Chan

"The 'Pencarrow' brand is secondary to the top 'Palliser Estate' label, but the wines are made with the same care as the premium wines, from the same vineyard sources, but in a more accessible style, to be softer and more fruit-driven. It is these characteristics that endear the wines to most consumers and wine show judges alike, as the wines are very successful in the market, as well as winning as many top awards."

"This is Palliser Estate's second-tier label, but in most years it is impressive and a good buy." - Michael Cooper





SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016

One of only four Sauvignon Blancs to achieve SUPER CLASSIC status in Michael Cooper's "Buyer's Guide to New Zealand wines". To qualify for selection, each label must have achieved an outstanding level of quality for at least five vintages.

Varietal: Sauvignon Blanc

Winery: Palliser Estate Wine region: Martinborough

Winemaker: Allan Johnson Alcohol: 13.7% Residual sugar: 4.0 g/l Cellaring potential: 2019

Closure: Screwcap

Tasting Note

The nose is very fresh with intense, vibrantly fragrant aromas of ripe passionfruit with herb notes, gooseberries, lifted florals and subtle minerally elements. This is delicately detailed and exudes vitality. Dry to taste and medium-bodied, bright and elegantly concentrated flavours of sweet tropical fruits and gooseberries are entwined with passionfruit and mineral notes. The mouthfeel is refreshing and refined, with very fine textures and a crisp, poised palate line. Aromatic herb and floral elements unfold and carry through to a lively, lifted, luscious and long lingering finish. This is a refined, aromatically rich Sauvignon Blanc with fine textures and vitality.

Winemaking

Fruit from the 'Clouston', 'Palliser'', 'East Base' and 'Collins' vineyards fermented with 12% by indigenous yeasts in stainless-steel, the wine aged 3 months on lees with batonnage.

Accolades

Super Classic Michael Cooper 18.5/20, 5 stars Raymond Chan





RIESLING 2015

This is an aromatic, off-dry Riesling with delicate lime, floral and honeysuckle richness and soft, mouthwatering acidity.

Varietal: Riesling

Winery: Palliser Estate Wine region: Martinborough

Winemaker: Allan Johnson Alcohol: 12% Residual sugar: 7.1g/l Cellaring potential: 2020+

Closure: Screwcap

Tasting Note

The nose is very fresh, elegant and pure in expression with aromas of limes, white florals and a suggestion of honeysuckle entwined with delicate, mouthwatering mineral elements. The fruit builds in depth and penetration with a positive core with aeration. Off-dry to taste and light-medium bodied, the palate features gently succulent fruit flavours of limes, lifted by white florals, and enriched by delicate honeysuckle notes. Thirst quenching, chalky mineral notes provide balancing dryness and cut, and the wine follows a very fine textured line with ripe, integrated acidity, leading to a soft, dry, long lingering finish of florals and limes. This is an aromatic, off-dry Riesling with delicate lime, floral and honeysuckle richness and soft, mouthwatering acidity.

Winemaking

Fruit from the company's 'Om Santi' and 'Palliser' vineyards, vines 10 and 18 y.o., indigenous yeast fermented for two-thirds of ferment then inoculated the wine on primary lees for 3 months.

Accolades

18.5/20, 5 stars - Raymond Chan





CHARDONNAY 2015

Rather than power, the key attributes of this wine are finesse and harmony. This is a beautifully elegant and refined Chardonnay with subtly rich fruit and layers of oak and minerally detail.

Varietal: Chardonnay

Winery: Palliser Estate Wine region: Martinborough

Winemaker: Allan Johnson Alcohol: 13% Closure: Screwcap Cellaring potential: 2019-20

Tasting Note

The nose is elegantly concentrated with tight aromas of white and yellow stonefruits, along with citrus fruits, entwined with flinty less and reductive complexities, and fine, nutty oak and lifted aromatics. This is refined in expression. Medium-bodied, the palate is softly concentrated with flavours of white and yellow stonefruits harmoniously melded with gentle nutty elements, oak toast and nuances of flinty minerals. The mouthfeel shows barrelferment creaminess, balanced by a line of ripe acidity. The wine flows with good energy, the concentrated, rounded core carrying to a long, creamy, nutty finish. This is an elegant and softly concentrated Chardonnay with harmonious layers of stonefruit, nuts and flint and a creamy mouthfeel

Winemaking

Fully barrel-fermented, 84% by indigenous yeasts to 13.0% alc., the wine aged 8 months on lees in 24% new oak, with approx. one-third MLF.

Accolades

18.5/20, 5 Stars - Raymond Chan







PINOT NOIR 2015

One of the most dependable in quality from Martinborough. It has a proven pedigree and a track record of being able to age. Winemaker Allan Johnson aims for a "ripe, full and rich" Pinot Noir. The wines have won many accolades and are elegant and freshly fruited, with suppleness of mouth-feel and texture.

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Screwcap

Winery: Palliser Estate Wine region: Martinborough

Winemaker Allan Johnson Alcohol: 14% Residual sugar: <1g/l Cellaring potential: 2020+

Closure:

Tasting Note

The nose is very soft and gently voluminous, unfolding subtle layers of dark-red berry fruits melded with dark herbs, nuances of spice and liquorice, unfolding an ethereal array of red florals. This is a little shy, but has beauty and finesse. Medium-bodied and elegantly concentrated, the palate possesses layers of soft red berry fruit flavours melded with fragrant dark herbs, red florals, spices and liquorice. The fruit has a delicate richness and sweetness that is balanced by very fine-grained, flowery, but supple tannins and ripe acidity. The flavours blossom in floral lift and show spice detail as the wine carries to a gently lingering, nuanced finish. This is a very refined, subtly layered and supple, fine-grained Pinot Noir with delicate red fruits, florals herbs and spices.

Winemaking

Indigenous yeast ferment with 5% whole bunches to 14.0% alc., the wine aged one year in 25% new oak casks.

Accolades

Wine classic - Michael Cooper

"This is typically an enticingly perfumed, notably elegant, rich and harmonious red."

18.5/20, 5 stars Raymond Chan