


Dispatch from New Zealand
featuring Chardonnay and Sparkling Wines




The image contains two parts: on the left, a stylized map of New Zealand with a colorful, textured appearance; on the right, two wine glasses filled with white wine, one slightly behind the other, set against a background of green foliage and a stone surface.



Michael Brajkovich, MW
New Zealand's first Master of Wine,
Winemaker at Kumeu River Wines

Rudi Bauer
Winemaker at Quartz Reef Wines
(Central Otago) and two time recipient of
New Zealand Winemaker of the Year



The image features two portraits of winemakers. On the left, Michael Brajkovich is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark sweater and holding a wine glass. On the right, Rudi Bauer is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark jacket and a cap, with his arms crossed.

Today's Agenda:

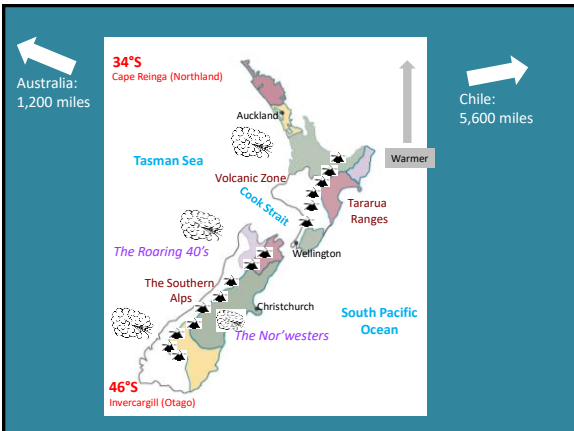
- Into to New Zealand (Geography, Terroir)
- Focus on: NZ Chardonnay
- Introducing Michael Brajkovich, MW
- 🍷 Michael's Presentation
- Introducing Rudi Bauer and Quartz Reef Wines
- Focus on: NZ Sparkling Wine
- 🍷 Rudi's Presentation
- Wrap-up and Good day!

Photo credit: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/nzwinegrowers/photos>

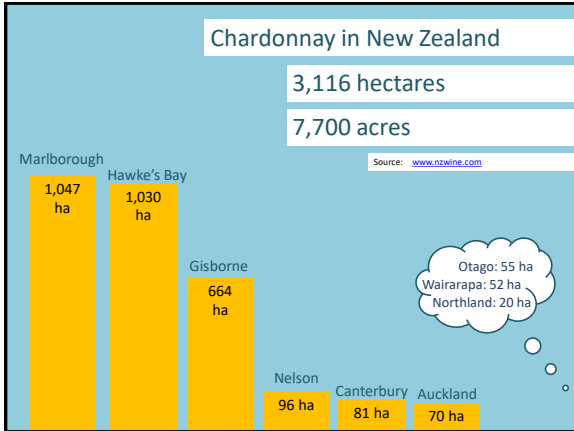


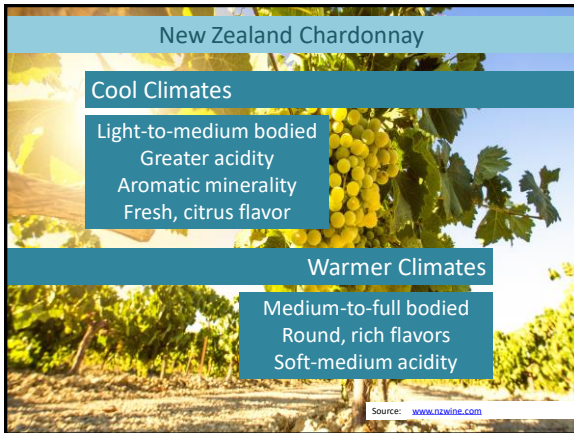
The background of the agenda slide is a photograph of a vineyard at sunset. The sky is a mix of purple and orange, with a bright sun low on the horizon. The foreground shows the dark green leaves of the grapevines.

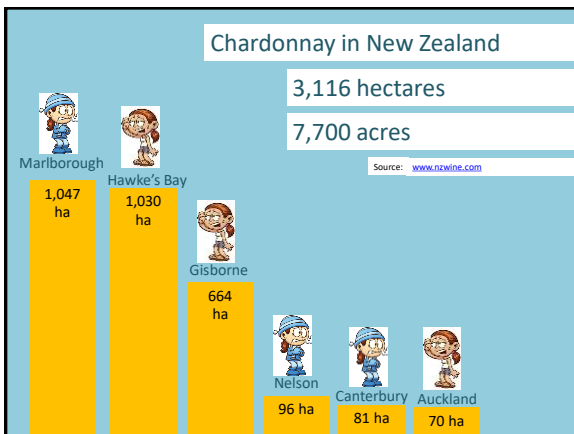


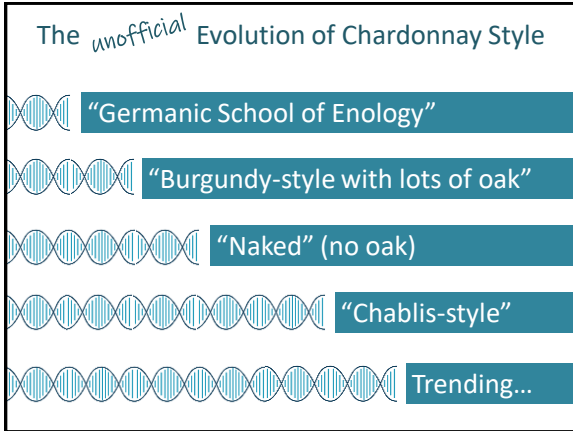


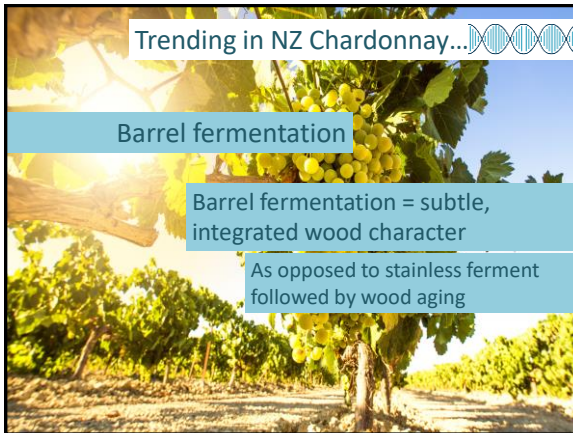















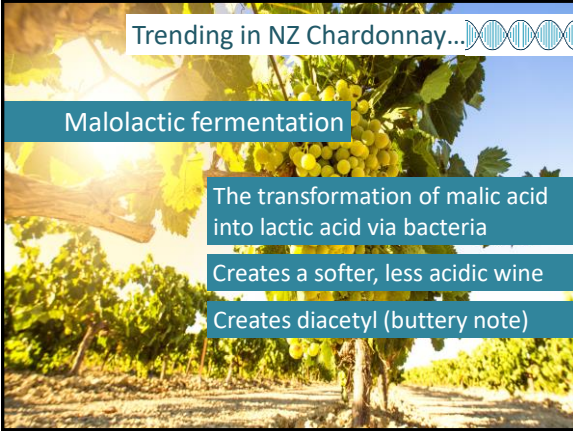
Trending in NZ Chardonnay... 

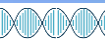
Malolactic fermentation

The transformation of malic acid into lactic acid via bacteria

Creates a softer, less acidic wine

Creates diacetyl (buttery note)



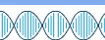
Trending in NZ Chardonnay... 

Lees aging

Aging in contact with the expired yeast

The yeast cells absorb diacetyl



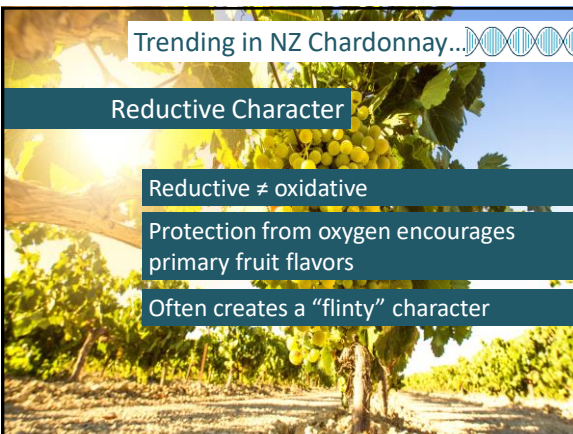
Trending in NZ Chardonnay... 

Reductive Character

Reductive \neq oxidative

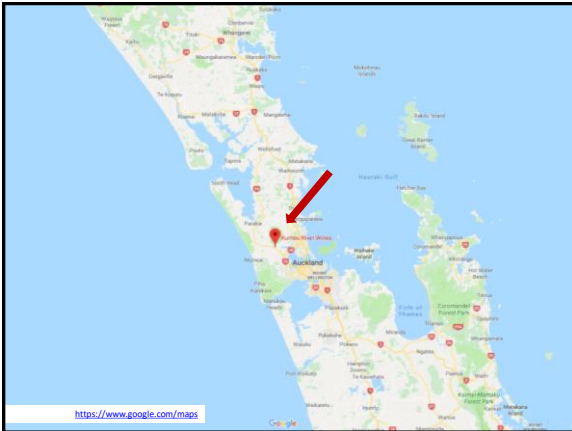
Protection from oxygen encourages primary fruit flavors

Often creates a "flinty" character



Micahel Brajkovich, MW: New Zealand's first Master of Wine,
Winemaker at Kumeu River





Micahel Brajkovich, MW: New Zealand's first Master of Wine,
Winemaker at Kumeu River



<https://vimeo.com/336051898/d1bd2dea36>

Focus on:

• NZ Sparkling Wine



Selaks "Champelle"

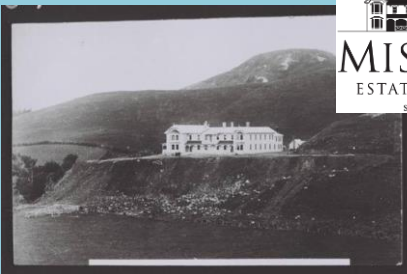
1956



<https://www.selaks.co.nz/four-story-2/>

Mission Estate "Fontanella"

1963



<https://missionestate.co.nz/>

Daniel Le Brun arrives...

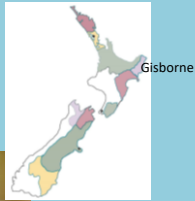
1975



<https://www.no1familyestate.co.nz/our-story/>

Today's NZ Sparkling Wine

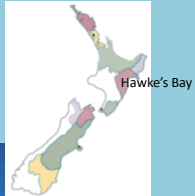
Lindauer



<https://lindauer.co.nz/about>

Today's NZ Sparkling Wine

Church Road



<http://www.church-road.co.nz/>

Today's NZ Sparkling Wine

Palliser Estate



Martinborough
(sub-region of
Wairarapa)



PALLISER

<https://www.palliser.co.nz/>

Today's NZ Sparkling Wine

Huia Vineyards



Marlborough



Huaia

<http://www.huainevineyards.com/huia-imagery> - photo by Bonny Iris

Today's NZ Sparkling Wine

Pelorus by Cloudy Bay



Marlborough



CLOUDY BAY
MARLBOROUGH

<https://us.cloudybay.co.nz/our-wines/pelorus/pelorus>

Today's NZ Sparkling Wine

Seifried Estate



Nelson



Today's NZ Sparkling Wine

Quartz Reef

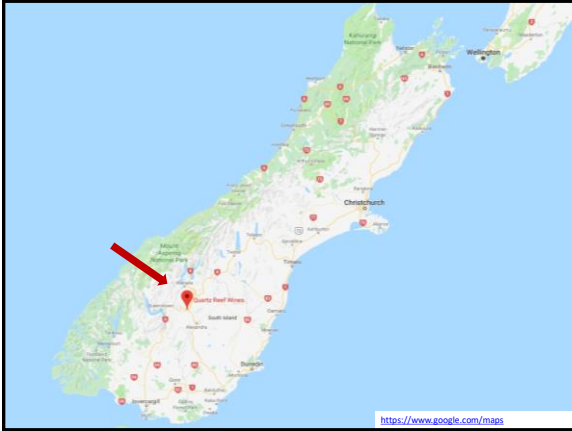


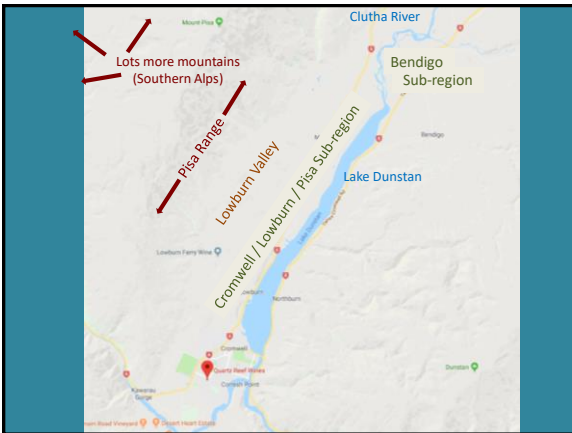
Central Otago



Rudi Bauer, Winemaker at Quartz Reef Wines (Central Otago) and two time recipient of New Zealand Winemaker of the Year







Rudi Bauer, Winemaker at Quartz Reef Wines (Central Otago) and two time recipient of New Zealand Winemaker of the Year



<https://youtu.be/8fvsbIT1R9o>
