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COMPANY & BRAND OVERVIEW

An eye for adventure. A taste for good wine.

As purveyors of fine wines, we seek the finer things found in other aspects of life in a place that offers up endless inspiration for the body, mind and spirit.



OUR LAND -OUR TAONGA (TREASURE)

There's something magical about New Zealand that draws you in. It is a mix between our spellbinding landscapes, the bounty of natural resources and the generosity of the people that makes New Zealand one of the most beautiful and precious places on earth.

We see ourselves as the guardians of this precious land, it is our job to keep our footprint small to make sure everyone gets to experience the magic of Aotearoa the same way we have. New Zealand summers have plenty of heat and sunshine, but it is at nightfall when the magic really happens. When the sun dips below the horizon and takes its warm kiss away from our islands, the temperatures quickly drop and we are reminded of our secluded geographical location in the Southern Ocean. It is this unique geographic positioning that gives us one of the longest grape growing seasons on earth that is so special to the creation of our wines. Cold night temperatures help to capture the elegant acidity and the unmistakable zesty flavours and fragrances that are the hallmark of our wines.

Kaitiakitanga: guardianship, protection & preservation of the earth.



NURTURE

Our vineyards are living organisms that we share with our workers, animals, insects and neighbours. We strive to keep our impact low and our whānau (family) safe.

Our focus is on ensuring that we put more back into the land than what we take. We are farmers at heart, nurturing the elements that make our grapes unique so we can bring you Tiki Wines which are our taonga (treasure) of New Zealand. The Tiki whānau (family) are an indigenous New Zealand wine producer committed to sustainable winegrowing with an uncompromising commitment to quality. We care for our vines under the guiding Māori principles of Kaitiakitanga: the guardianship, protection and preservation of the earth for future generations. Founder Royce McKean's family has been living and farming in New Zealand (Aotearoa) for hundreds of years.

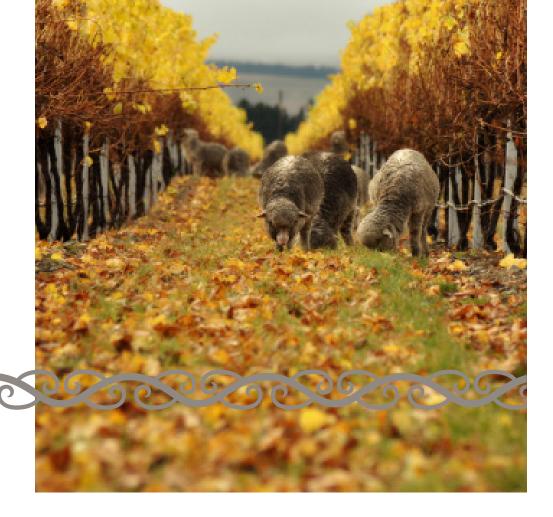
Some of the ways in which we care for our land sustainably is

by using merino lambs to graze our vineyards in the winter, placing bee hives on the land, using liquid seaweed, molasses and beneficial bacteria and fungi for ground drenching to enrich the soils. We sow wild flowers to attract beneficial insects and to help protect and build on the layers of texture in the soils. We have a strong focus on reusing and maximise recycling opportunities wherever possible.

As a company we strive to ensure all of our actions have the long term interest of our land at heart.



We knew pretty early on that we wanted to name our wine label TIKI. This name was created in honour of Royce's great-great-grandfather, Māori Ngati Uenuku Chieftain, Tiki Tere Mihi. But there's a bit more to our story that took place before the name was born...



After living many years abroad the pull of home got too strong and we decided our next adventure would be to pack in the jobs, pack up the kids and move back to New Zealand.

We settled in the beautiful seaside village of Sumner, Christchurch not far from some of Royce's family. We were looking for something to get stuck into, and after a year at home we found an old 325 hectare sheep farm in Waipara, North Canterbury that we fell in love with - it was perfectly suited to growing grapes. The years of working overseas helped to prepare us for understanding the financial requirements for setting up and running a vineyard but that still didn't make it easy to get the project off the ground - we were green behind the ears, with limited

funds and no track record to speak of in grapes or wine. Not the ideal way to kick off a long term investment like a vineyard, but we decided this would be our next adventure and we dove into it, boots and all.

By the end of 2006 Waiata Vineyard in North Canterbury was fully planted and we had found some more vineyard land in the un-planted Upper Wairau Valley in Marlborough that we thought showed real promise. We decided to expand into the Marlborough region and over the next few years we kept busy developing the our sites, in 2009 finally getting to taste the fruit of our labour with the release of our first vintage, Tiki Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc. This wine won Gold medals and numerous accolades which was an amazing result from such young vines and confirmed our earlier thinking over the quality potential of these vineyards.

Tiki started from very humble beginnings and we certainly have never forgotten how lucky we are to do what we do in such a beautiful place. That sense of adventure and feeling of freedom that we get from living in New Zealand has never left us and is at the very heart of Tiki and the bespoke wines that we produce.

We knew employing amazing people to help us out would be key, and we set about getting a great team together which we now call the Tiki whānau (family).

We started small by planting only 60 hectares of the new vineyard in Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris varieties. Small we say, but this is still more than 130,000 plants that needed to be planted, watered and trained in quite a limited amount of time. It was thousands of posts and miles of irrigation line that needed to be fitted, checked, run and maintained.

We learnt a lot that first year - what to do and what not to do - and our passion just grew stronger. We had a very busy year ahead preparing the land for the next stage, planting the rest of the vineyard all 260 hectares of it. When you see a fully developed vineyard you can sometimes forget how much work goes into preparing the soil, putting in the posts, digging wells and planting the vines and then the years of tending those vines before you receive the satisfaction of harvesting your first grapes.

Today, Tiki has one of the largest vineyards in the North Canterbury Wine Region of New Zealand with 320 hectares planted in vines. Our Marlborough vineyard now sold, we continue to produce award winning wines here in North Canterbury that Tiki wine lovers are enjoying all over the world.



TIKI Brand Portfolio

The TIKI is a hand carved Māori treasure which when gifted bestows good fortune and love on others. We craft our wines with that same spirit in mind.

Our award winning New Zealand winemaker, Matt Connell, brings a wealth of experience to our winemaking team, producing wines in the style that has become synonymous with TIKI - a style being enjoyed all over the world.





TIKI SINGLE VINEYARD RANGE

The Single Vineyard wines are a blend of the very best parcels of fruit carefully selected from our vineyards to make exceptional wines. Our winemaker Matt Connell aims for purity and freshness in this range and a food friendly style.



TIKI Single Vineyard North Canterbury Sauvignon Blanc 2021

Wonderfully fruitful aromas of passionfruit, feijoa, fresh fig and lime peel on the nose. On the palate this wine offers terrific fruit power and persistency, finishing impressively long and delicious.

***** Wine Orbit, June 2021

TIKI Single Vineyard North Canterbury Chardonnay 2020

Well styled and complex showing apricot, rockmelon, vanilla and spicy oak aromas on the nose with a hint of brioche. The concentrated palate displays excellent weight and depth, wonderfully complemented by creamy texture and well-pitched acidity, making it flavoursome and highly enjoyable.

★★★★★ Wine Orbit, June 2021

TIKI Single Vineyard North Canterbury Pinot Gris 2020

Richly expressed and wonderfully fruited, the bouquet shows apricot, poached pear, rockmelon and subtle spice aromas, leading to a beautifully rounded palate that's flavoursome and lingering. A tremendously balanced delicate pale gold wine with a hint of pink.

★★★★★ Wine Orbit, June 2021

TIKI Single Vineyard North Canterbury Pinot Noir Rosé 2020

Attractively fruited and inviting with raspberry, apricot, lemon peel and subtle spice aromas, leading to a finely expressed palate with lovely flow and persistence. Well balanced and elegant.

★★★★ Wine Orbit, June 2021

TIKI Single Vineyard North Canterbury Pinot Noir 2019

This is a gorgeously fruited and seductively complex wine, showing dark plum, spiced cherry, cedar, mushroom and floral characters on the nose. The palate delivers excellent weight and refined mouthfeel, wonderfully complemented by silky texture and beautifully integrated tannins.

**** Wine Orbit, June 2020 94 Points - Cameron Douglas MS, World of Wine 91 Points - James Suckling, 2020 NZ Report



MAUI RANGE

This range takes its name from Maui, the Māori demi-god, who as legend tells us captured the sun and pulled New Zealand out of the sea. Maui was a great adventurer with an inquisitive nature and a fearless spirit, attributes that are at the very heart of all New Zealanders and this range of wines.

Our MAUI range of wines are made in an approachable, easy-drinking style that is vibrant and refreshing.





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