



MATUA

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Matua success story continues across the world

Matua, creator of New Zealand's first Sauvignon Blanc and New Zealand's Wine Producer of the Year (2012 International Wine and Spirit Competition) wins top honours, a Great Gold, for Chardonnay in Germany at the 2013 Mundus Vini. The winning wine is none other than the 2011 Matua Marlborough Single Vineyard Chardonnay.

Across the globe in China, the same wine was awarded Trophy plus Double Gold at the 2013 China Wine and Spirit Awards.

Nikolai St George, Chief Winemaker for Matua, was thrilled with the wins: "I couldn't be happier to bring home to New Zealand another top honour for our Matua Marlborough Single Vineyard Chardonnay 2011.

"We don't let it go to our heads though, it just motivates us to do more and get our wines out there. It's pretty incredible that we have one of the most awarded wines to ever come out of New Zealand, picking up Great Gold at Mundus Vini – bringing it to a record seven Trophies and ten Gold Medals globally."

Equally as exciting is the Gold Medal awarded to both the Matua Single Vineyard Hawke's Bay Merlot 2009 and the Lowburn Central Otago Pinot Noir 2012 – showcasing Matua's winemaking talent across multiple regions and varietals.

Following on from the success of the 2011 Matua Single Vineyard Chardonnay, the 2012 release has already won another two Trophies at the 2013 Spiegelau International Wine Competition.

The Matua team has also found success with its Merlot and Pinot Noir varietals: "We were awarded five Golds and 2 Trophies for the 2009 Matua Single Vineyard Merlot and two Golds for the recently released 2012 Matua Single Vineyard Lowburn Pinot Noir demonstrating success in both reds and whites," said Nikolai.

Led by Nikolai, Matua continues to demonstrate its unwavering passion and commitment across all its wines: "Matua was founded on Sauvignon Blanc, and I'm very proud of our recent success for our 40th Vintage Release of our 2013 Matua Regional Sauvignon Blanc.

"With a bright teal label and a wine that sings with freshness, we received Double Gold and Best Sauvignon Blanc for our 2012 release at the 2013 San Francisco International Wine Challenge then a Double Gold medal at the 2013 China Wine and Spirit Awards and Gold medal at the 2013 New Zealand International Wine Competition for our 2013 release," he added.

Matua's international recognition continues to grow. Matua was named the 2012 IWSC (International Wine & Spirit Competition) New Zealand Producer of the Year Award (London) and received the honour of Best Sauvignon Blanc in the Southern Hemisphere (Five Nations Wine Challenge) in 2012. In its home country of New Zealand, Nikolai captured Winemaker of the Year

award earlier this year and took home the Champion Wine of Show trophy for the Matua 2011 Single Vineyard Marlborough Chardonnay at the Diamond Jubilee Easter Wine Show.

Matua now has 105 awards in total, including 12 trophies and 25 gold medals in the last 12 months – making it the most internationally decorated (most international trophies) New Zealand winery over the past 12 months.

About Matua Wines

We bring a passion to the way we make wine. We have a go. We try things out. We planted the first Sauvignon Blanc in NZ before anyone else. We created the wine that made New Zealand famous.

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