

MARLBOROUGH

COROFIN

Corofin Owner & Winemaker: Mike Paterson

Fast Facts

Owner:
Mike and Anna Paterson

Winemaker:
Mike Paterson

Established:
2014

Location:
Grower vineyards located in Southern Valleys sub-region

Region:
Marlborough



THE HISTORY

Corofin is an artisan family wine company in Marlborough, New Zealand established in 2012 by Mike and Anna Paterson.

Together they have lived in Marlborough for most of their careers and in that time have gained considerable experience growing, making and marketing Marlborough wine, supported in their journey by several visionaries of the local industry. From their early days in the region, they had a desire to start their own small wine label, to be established without compromise for quality and with complete authenticity.

It was the emergence of hillside pinot noir plantings in Marlborough in the early 2000's that captivated their imagination and cemented their desire to establish Corofin, as a way to shine a light on these compelling sites.

Corofin and the Paterson family are inextricably linked through people and place. Corofin village, situated on the river Fergus in County Clare Ireland, was the home of Clifden House, the residence of Marcus Joseph Paterson and his young family before emigrating to New Zealand. The significance of Corofin as a spiritual home to the Paterson family has been recognized by every generation since Marcus and his family settled in Hawkes Bay in 1927. The connection is symbolized on the Corofin label by the Paterson family crest.

THE TERROIR

Corofin works with three grower vineyards: the Cowley

Family Vineyard, the Churton Vineyard, and the Settlement Vineyard. All three vineyards are located in Marlborough in the Southern Hills and range from 13-23 years old.

The Settlement Vineyard is a dedicated Pinot Noir vineyard planted on the slopes of the Omaka Valley in Marlborough. Owned by Dog Point and managed with immense intelligence and insight by viticulturist Nigel Sowman. The 'East Slope' lies in a North/Northeast orientation and is planted at a density of 1,620 vines per acre on clay-rich soils. The Settlement Vineyard is BioGro certified.

The Cowley Family Vineyard is located in the Ben Morven foothills of Marlborough. A magnificent site planted intricately and nurtured meticulously by the Cowley family. Clay-rich soils formed through the slow mixing and layering of glacial outwash and volcanic uplift. Facing North/Northeast, the Main Slopes are planted at a density of 1,540 vines per acre.

The Churton Vineyard has a Northeast orientation, a remote and elevated location at 650 feet above sea level, spanning a ridge between Marlborough's Omaka and Waihopai Valleys. It captures the cool morning and warm daytime sunshine ideal for long, slow ripening. Loess above a clay subsoil which, at deep levels, has good water holding capacity and protects the vines from drought. Planting density is 1,875 vines per acre. The 'Clod Block' that Corofin's Pinot Noir grows in, is one of 17 individual vineyard sections, all of which are planted to the hillside contours. Churton Vineyard is BioGro certified.



SETTLEMENT VINEYARD PINOT NOIR: 100% Pinot Noir (Clone # 777). The Settlement Vineyard is planted on the slopes of the Omaka Valley in Marlborough. The East Slope lies in a north/northeast orientation and is planted at a density of 1,620 vines per acre on clay-rich soils. After spontaneous, rapid fermentation for eight days, after the wine rested on skins for eight days prior to pressing. The wine ages sur lie in the barrel for 13 months undergoing a natural

malolactic ferment and then tank-ages seven months prior to being racked once more and sulfured. Bottled unfined and unfiltered. The 2017 radiates its typical warmth and freshness with red and blue fruits layered over earthy aromatics. Sleek yet firm tannins frame the silken palate. Vineyard is BioGro certified.



COWLEY FAMILY VINEYARD PINOT NOIR: 100% Pinot Noir (Clone # Able, 777) The Cowley Family Vineyard is located in the Ben Morven foothills of Marlborough. Facing north/northeast, the Main Slopes are planted at a density of 1,540 vines per acre. Clay-rich soils formed through the slow mixing and layering of glacial outwash and volcanic uplift. After spontaneous, rapid fermentation for 8 days, after the wine rested on skins for a further 8 days prior to pressing. The wine

ages sur lee in French barrel for 13 months undergoing a natural malolactic ferment and tank-ages seven months prior to being racked once more and sulfured in preparation for bottling in November. Bottled unfined and unfiltered. The 2017 vintage is at its best with charcuterie-like savouriness and dried florals working brilliantly together. Remarkable fruit sweetness leads the structured, saturated palate.



CHURTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR: 100% Pinot Noir (Clone # CL5, 667, 777). East/northeast orientation, 200 metres above sea level spanning a ridge line between Marlborough's Omaka and Waihopai Valleys. Captures the cool morning and warm daytime sunshine ideal for long, slow ripening. Planting density is 1,874 vines per acre. The Clod Block is one of 17 individual vineyard sections, planted to the hillside contours. Loess above a clay subsoil which,

at deep levels, has good water holding capacity and protects vines from drought. After spontaneous, rapid fermentation for six days. The young wine rested on skins for 10 days prior to pressing, settling and then transferring to seasoned (2nd and 3rd-year) French oak barrels. The wine ages sur lie in the barrel for 12 months undergoing a natural malolactic ferment and then tank-ages seven months prior to being racked once more and sulfured. Bottled unfined and unfiltered. The 2017 is sappy and structured, with layers that build seamlessly into a velvety richness.