This wine hails from Wairarapa, tucked into the southeastern corner of New Zealand's North Island, an hour's drive from the country's capital of Wellington. Wairarapa means "glistening waters" in the Maori language. The region is known for its small producers, like Tara Rua. The area is so small that it makes only one percent of all Kiwi wine!

Tara Rua is family-owned, and it began as a passion project. The owners lived overseas and decided to become part of the surging New Zealand wine scene when they returned. They planted vines in 1998 and finished their winery for the 2004 harvest. While that may sound recent, the family was actually to the first to plant in the area since Pinot Noir vines were ripped out there in the 1900s, thanks to the strong Temperance movement of that time.

They've kept their perspective local: winemaker Miles Dinneen may have begun his wine career in Oregon, but he grew up just around the corner. Vineyard manager Karina Southey is a local lass and very highly respected for her work.

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Geographical Indication

Tararua Range

Masterton
MASTERTON

Gladstone*

L. Wairarapa

MARTINBOROUGH
Martinborough*

Ruamahanga R.

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HOW WE MADE THIS WINE

These almost-twenty-year-old vines were planted in an old riverbed. The soils are free-draining, which is tremendously helpful in this area's cool, maritime climate. The vineyard is sheltered by the Tararuas mountain range (hence the brand name), which holds back the wafts of rain crossing the Pacific and allows the vineyard to enjoy a long and dry growing season with balmy warm days and pleasantly cool nights. Fruit ripeness is closely monitored in order to harvest grapes more centered on stone fruit flavors rather than on grassy, green tones.

These grapes are quickly pressed and cold settled into stainless steel tanks. The wine sits briefly on its fine lees before early shipping to take advantage of the wine's forward and primary fruit.

OUR TASTING NOTE

The vineyard is sheltered by the Tararuas mountain range and enjoys a long and dry growing season with balmy warm days and pleasantly cool nights. Distinct New Zealand aromatics of tropical fruit and herbacious notes. The focus in the winery is to capture the pure fruit flavors that come from the vineyard while adding complexity through the winemaking efforts to provide a multi-dimensional wine. This medium bodied wine has refreshing acidity and bright notes of yellow grapefruit.

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