

MW TRIP 2019

Monday 18 February

Auckland

Accommodation: Stamford Plaza Hotel

Free Night

Day One: Tuesday 19 February

Waiheke, Auckland

Accommodation: Stamford Plaza Hotel

Breakfast in hotel

- 7.45am MWs to meet in lobby. Walk 700m to Ferry Building, Quay Street.
- 8.30am Departure for Waiheke Island (40 minute ferry ride)
Coach to Stonyridge Vineyards
- NZ Winegrowers Sustainable Winegrowing (SWNZ) presentation
 - Wine-Searcher market presentation
 - David Jordan, overview of Waiheke
 - Stonyridge Larose vertical tasting
- 12.45pm *Lunch*
- Waiheke Island producers walkaround tasting
- 3.30pm Departure by coach to ferry terminal
- 4.00pm Ferry back to Auckland
- 5.45pm Meet in hotel lobby. Transfer from Stamford Plaza to Villa Maria Winery, Mangere for Welcome Dinner with Sir George and Lady Fistonich. We will be joined by NZ MWs.
- 9.30pm Depart Villa Maria winery for coach return to hotel

Day Two: Wednesday 20 February

Auckland, Hawke's Bay

Breakfast in hotel. Check out and leave luggage with Concierge.

- 8.15am MWs to meet in lobby to walk 1.2km to Villa Maria Gallery ASB Waterfront Theatre
- 8.45am Family of Twelve Tasting (regional chardonnay) and Screwcap Initiative discussion
- 12.15pm Coach departure to Auckland Domestic Airport
- 1.00pm Check in
- 2.00pm NZ5021 Auckland - Napier
- 3.00pm Arrival into Napier airport and coach transfer to Te Awanga vineyard for vineyard walk/viti ta and light refreshments
- 5.30pm Coach transfer to Havelock North.
Havelock North hotels:
Porters Boutique Hotel, Te Mata Lodge and Havelock North Motor Lodge
Free time
- 6.30pm Meet outside Porters Hotel for casual dinner and wine welcome at Smith & Sheth Oenothèque (behind Porters) (finish approx. 9.00pm)

Day Three: Thursday 21 February

Havelock North

Everyone: Breakfast at Porters

8.00am	Depart accommodation, transfer to Black Barn Winery 'The Olive Shed'
8.30am	Sub-regional Syrah panel tasting led by Warren Gibson, Trinity Hill/Bilancia
11.00am	Depart for Trinity Hill Winery, Gimblett Gravels
11.30am	Vineyard walk with John Van der Linden
12.15pm	Picnic lunch and wine tasting on Trinity Hill's lawn
2.00pm	Depart for Te Mata Peak visit
3.15pm	Te Mata Coleraine Vertical at Te Mata winery
5.15pm	Transfer to Craggy Range Winery
5.30pm	Chardonnay tasting
6.30pm	Dinner at Craggy Range 'Terroir' Restaurant
9.30pm	Coach transfer back to accommodation

Day Four: Friday 22 February

Havelock North, Martinborough

Everyone: Breakfast at Porters

Collect MWS and luggage from Havelock North accommodation

8.00am	Depart Havelock North (15 min rest stop at Dannevirke)
11.30pm	Arrive Urlar Vineyard to collect Angus Johnson, then onwards to Gladstone Winery for lunch and northern sub-regions tasting
1.45pm	Coach transfer to Martinborough hotels: <i>Aylstone Boutique Retreat, Brackenridge Country Retreat & Spa, Peppers Parehua, Martinborough Hotel</i>
3.45pm	Transfer to Ata Rangi for regional tasting (Brackenridge and Peppers, the others are walking distance)
6.00pm	Walk 15min (driving option available) to Moy Hall, Martinborough for gin/beer/canapes
7.00pm	Walk to Dinner at Luna Eclipse
10.00pm	Shuttles to accommodation

Day Five: Saturday 23 February

Martinborough, Ferry, Marlborough

Breakfast at hotels. Check out - please leave your luggage at your hotel. Martinborough Hotel guests can walk to the tasting venue as it's just across the Square. Everyone else be ready for collection by 8.30am.

8.45am	Meet at the Martinborough Town Hall (just off the Town Square)
9.00am	Evolution of Pinot Noir panel tasting and light morning tea
12.00pm	Depart Martinborough for Cook Strait Ferry, Wellington. <i>This is a very winding journey over a mountain range so please bring your favourite motion sickness tablets if you need them (ditto the ferry).</i>
2.45pm	Ferry sailing NB <i>Premium Lounge access is included which includes light meals/snacks,</i>

- drinks (including wine and beer), magazines, newspapers, tv and internet access.*
- 5.55pm Arrive Picton
- 6.15pm Transfer to Astrolabe Farm – Sparkling and Aromatic whites walkaround tasting, then walk next door to Grovetown Hotel for Kiwi-Japanese casual dinner with winemakers
- 9.30pm Depart for Blenheim accommodation
*Blenheim hotels:
Quality Hotel Marlborough, Bella Vista Motel, Ellena Court Motel and 171 On High Street*

Day Six: Sunday 24 February

Marlborough

Breakfast at accommodation

- 8.30am Meet at Seymour Square for collection by winemakers (bring hat, sunscreen, jacket and drink bottle)
Marlborough Safari: 4WD sub-regional vineyard exploration and tastings
- 5.00pm Free time
- 6.15pm Collection from accommodation for transfer to Arbor Restaurant
- 7.00pm Dinner – older vintages and magnums
- 10.00pm Coach transfer to accommodation

Day Seven: Monday 25 February

Marlborough, Christchurch

Breakfast Check out of Blenheim accommodation

- 7.30am Transfer from accommodation to Blenheim (Woodbourne) airport.
- 9.10am Air New Zealand Charter Low Level Flight over Marlborough, Nelson, Kaikoura coastline
- 10.00am Arrive into Christchurch
- 10.30am Transfer to Pyramid Valley Winery, Waikari (approx. 50 min drive)
Vineyard wander and talk
- 12.00pm Lunch
- 1.00pm Panel tasting – soils, sub-regions and innovation
- 3.30pm Casual walkaround tasting
- 5.30pm Depart for Black Estate restaurant
- 6.00pm Dinner
- 8.00pm Transfer to hotel
Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch

Day Eight: Tuesday 26 February

Christchurch, Cromwell

Check out of Christchurch accommodation – breakfast boxes at reception from 6am

- 6.30am Depart accommodation for Central Otago (via Lake Tekapo); coach with Wi-Fi
- 9.30am Fairlie Bakery, morning tea
- 10.30am Lake Tekapo (photo opportunity)
- 1.30pm Arrive Rippon for light lunch
- 2.30pm Central Otago Overview and sub-regional masterclass tasting

- 4.15pm Transfer to accommodation via Silver Tussock Vineyard 10 min stop off for Pisa/Bendigo overview
Cromwell hotels
Pisa Moorings Lake Resort, Colonial Manor Motel and Lake Dunstan Motel
- 6.30pm Coach transfer to Cloudy Bay Northburn for dinner
- 10.00pm Coach transfer to accommodation

Day Nine: Wednesday 27 February

Cromwell, Queenstown

Everyone: Breakfast at Lake Resort (be checked out of other hotels with luggage for pickup at 7.30am)

- 8.00am Breakfast for all MWs at Lake Resort
- 9.00am Style and Winemaking masterclass panel tasting
- 10.30am Coach transfer (20 min) to Lake Dunstan Boating Club for Grand Tasting (26 wineries)
- 12.30pm Buffet lunch available (during walkaround tasting)
- 1.30pm Depart for Felton Road Winery for vineyard talk
- 2.15pm Central Otago Viticulture panel tasting
- 4.00pm Depart for Queenstown via Gibbston Valley (Valli vineyard) stop off overview
- 5.30pm Arrive Queenstown and transfer to hotels
Novotel Lakeside and Rydges Lakeland Resort
- 6.30pm Transfer to Amisfield Bistro, Lake Hayes for final Gala Dinner with winemakers
- 10.30pm Coach transfer to accommodation, or Queenstown bar of choice!

Day Ten: Thursday 28 February

Queenstown

Breakfast at accommodation

Farewells...