

Vintage 2014

According to Tessa Nicholson from New Zealand Winegrowers Magazine,

Marlborough winemakers are extremely positive about the 2014 vintage in spite of some challenges from late season rain, Wine Marlborough General Manager Marcus Pickens said today. “The common theme that runs through the reactions we’ve had from Marlborough growers and wineries is the earliness of the season and the impact that had on the final result,” he said. “When you combine an early season with a long run of early and mid-season dry weather, you lay the foundation for a good harvest.

“When the rain came in mid-April, harvesting was already well advanced. We don’t yet have any definitive figures for the proportion of the crop picked before the rain arrived, but anecdotally it seems to have been around 80 to 85 percent.”As a result, we can characterise the vintage as very positive for most vineyards, in spite of the late curve ball the April rain threw at us”.

	Rain Fall 2014	Rain Fall LTA		GDD 2014	GDD LTA
Jul	34.8	63.1		19.5	9.2
Aug	65.4	62.5		38.4	18.9
Sep	67.2	50.7		69.2	56.1
Oct	56	56.1		128.8	103.7
Nov	48.8	47.1		177.1	145.1
Dec	16.8	47.6		251.1	216.1
Jan	79.2	48.5		223.1	252.4
Feb	18	44.5		213.1	225.2
Mar	26.6	43.6		167.6	197.7
Apr	149.8	53.7		133.2	110.9
May	16	63.7		64.5	59.1
Jun	98.3	59.9		37.7	19.3
Total	676.9	641		1523.3	1413.7

Precise weather data is available from <https://www.mrc.org.nz/blenheim-weather-station>

Technical Data for Vintage 2014

<Folium Vineyard 2014 Sauvignon Blanc>

Harvest date: 9th and 10th of April, 2014
Bottling date: 21st of January, 2015
Analysis: Alc. 13.9%, TA 6.3g, pH 3.14, Free SO₂ 40mg, RS <1.0g
Production: 762 Cases

<Folium Vineyard 2014 Reserve Sauvignon Blanc>

Harvest date: 4th and 5th of April, 2014
Bottling date: 21st of January, 2015
Analysis: Alc. 13.9%, TA 6.8g, pH 3.10, Free SO₂ 44mg, RS 1.8g
Production: 596 Cases

<Folium Vineyard 2014 Pinot Noir>

Harvest date: 23rd of March, 2014
Bottling date: 6th of May, 2015
Analysis: Alc. 13.4%, TA 4.5g, pH 3.75, Free SO₂ 40mg
Production: 417Cases

<Folium Vineyard 2014 Reserve Pinot Noir>

Harvest date: 20th of March, 2014
Analysis: Alc. 13.5%, TA 4.6g, pH 3.71, Free SO₂ 35mg
Production: 234 Cases