

Louis Latour Agencies

2004 New Zealand Vintage Report

Marlborough - A huge crop within the region whose quality was compromised by February rain. The cool growing season was rescued by warmer conditions during harvest.

Hawkes Bay – The best Chardonnay vintage since 1989. A late, cool vintage that affected red crops meaning that only warmer areas were able to get fruit fully ripe. Good spring conditions, cooler early December followed by great conditions over Xmas and New Years. Middle of January to end February had cold weather. Late summer warm and dry

Martinborough – very challenging due to cool and wet weather conditions during later part of ripening season. A season where the producers ability to be ruthless within the vineyard to ensure the absence of rot and proper physiological ripeness was crucial.

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