

Louis Latour Agencies

2005 New Zealand Vintage Report

Marborough – Cool weather conditions during December affected flowering and fruit-set which subsequently led to a reduced crop levels. The month of March in Marlborough is usually a period when frequent irrigations are required to reduce vine stress during fruit ripening. In 2005 the March weather provided average temperatures and a higher than average rainfall allowing a stress free ripening period. April was also cooler than average, but dry and sunny days favoured the flavour development late season that suffered from cool weather and severe frost in the middle of the harvest

Martinborough – started well with favourable conditions early in the growing season. December and January very cold with frosts which affected flowering. Weather changed to more warm conditions however heavy rainfall was dominant in late March prior to April harvest. Small crops and selective harvesting required.

Hawkes Bay -. A more classical red wine vintage. Good conditions at flowering and a steady warm growing season. Slightly warmer than 2004.

Michael Henley, Craggy Range and Wild Rock