

# *Louis Latour Agencies*

## **2006 New Zealand Vintage Report**

**Hawkes Bay** –A fantastic warm summer set up the grapes to achieve wonderful ripeness of tannin, probably more seamless and integrated than even 2005. The only negative was the effect of some late season humidity. The 2006 red wine vintage in the Gimblett Gravels will rank alongside 2005 as one of our very best.

**Marlborough** - After a warm spring and mild summer, the harvest in Marlborough commenced in early March, one of the earliest start dates recorded

**Martinborough** – a great vintage where weather conditions allowed good flowering, fruit set and a long ripening season.

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