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## Welcome

Welcome to our inaugural newsletter, a quarterly update from me and the team at [Wild South](#).

It has been an incredibly busy first 12 months for Wild South beginning with the release of our first vintage and already our second vintage is just about over. Summer this year was long, hot and dry which ripening conditions resulting in great fruit and great wines. Marlborough sauvignon blanc is so intense in the cellar with amazing aromas when fermenting. An addition to the range this year, which I am particularly excited about, is pinot gris. This is the first crop from our vineyard in the Waihopai valley, so watch out for it in the year.

Wild South may still be new on the scene but already we have made our mark with a string of [reviews](#) from respected wine writers and medals from international competitions. Not only that we have been awarded for the 2005 sauvignon blanc from the Decanter World Wine Awards. Decanter is the most respected wine magazine in the UK and a bible to many restaurateurs and wine buyers. The sauvignon blanc also won a gold to its name so make sure you get some of this in your fridge soon, it won't be around for long.

Thank you to all of you who came along to the Christchurch and Wellington [Food Show](#). For some of you it would have been the first time you had seen or tasted our wines, we'll be back next year with all our wines. Congratulations to all the competition [winners](#), I hope you are enjoying your prizes. The next Food Show is Auckland 3-6 August at the Auckland Showgrounds.

Thanks again to everyone who has enjoyed the wines from our first vintage. Keep an eye out for our wines later in the year, more fantastic wines from our wild south.

Christie

Christie Brown, Winemaker

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Christie with the Earthrace crew

## Earthrace, take your marks!

Wild South is proud to support [Earthrace](#) – an exciting initiative involving conservation, kiwi ingenuity and adventurous spirit at its best! Earthrace is a bid to break the world record for circumnavigating the globe on a powerboat, using only renewable fuels. It's the pinnacle of powerboat challenges, and at 24,000 nautical miles also the world's longest race. The Earthrace aims to smash the current 75-day record by completing the race in less than 65 days. By then, Earthrace will be the highest-profile powerboat in the world as well as the greenest, showcasing environmentally friendly technologies such as low-emission engines, non-toxic fuels and solar panels.



efficient hull design.

Our alliance with Earthrace reinforces Wild South's commitment to support eco friendly initiatives, and we're a team all the best!

We're also exploring other ways we can support the conservation effort in New Zealand. The raw biodiversity of our flora and fauna is something that the Wild South team is passionate about, so we want to help preserve it for future generations. Once details are finalised we'll let you know how we can help.

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## Wild South on show

The Wild South team had a memorable time at the Christchurch and Wellington Food Shows this year, greeting wine lovers and sharing the real taste of Marlborough with them.

Thanks to everyone at the shows who joined our ['Wild Wine Club'](#) and to those who purchased wine this year. Congratulations to Steph Mosley of Christchurch and Herbert Burian of Wellington, the prizewinners at the Wellington Food Show offer when joining our mail-order list. We'd also like to congratulate Peter Mullions who won the Christchurch promotion for placing an online mail-order by the end of May and go into the draw to win a bottle of Wild South wines – enjoy!

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Christie at the Foodshow



## Wild about our wines

We're not the only ones wild about our wines! Here what the experts have to say...

'Very bright fresh fruit flavours with hints of passionfruit, ripe apple and peach, crisp acidity and a clean finish'  
– [2005 Wild South Chardonnay](#), Jane Skilton MW and team, Wine NZ magazine, Autumn 2006.

'Rich and intense varietal (mostly citrus) flavours and a crisp and refreshing finish'  
– [2005 Wild South Sauvignon Blanc](#), Warren Barton, Good Buying, Dominion Post, September 21st 2005.

'This wine is floral and fruity with a hint of mineral, off-dry but with a lifted clean, bright finish'  
– [2005 Wild South Riesling](#), Charmain Smith, Otago Daily Times 2005.

'This new label captures the essence of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc' (4 Stars)  
– [2005 Wild South Reserve Sauvignon Blanc](#), Bob Campbell MW, Gourmet Traveller Wine 2006.

'Concentrated Sauvignon Blanc with masses of matchstick and passion fruit characters that contrast with a grassy herbal influence'  
– [2005 Wild South Sauvignon Blanc](#), Bob Campbell MW, Home & Entertaining magazine 2006.

We've also done wildly well in wine competitions...

[2005 Wild South Reserve Sauvignon Blanc](#)  
- Gold Medal at the prestigious NZ Royal Easter Wine Show 2006

[2005 Wild South Sauvignon Blanc](#)  
- Trophy (regional Trophy), Decanter Magazine World Wine Awards 2006 - UK  
- Silver Medal, Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2005

[2005 Wild South Pinot Noir](#)  
- Bronze, Decanter Magazine World Wine Awards 2006 - UK



[2005 Wild South Chardonnay](#)

- Commended, Decanter Magazine World Wine Awards 2006 - UK

[2005 Wild South Riesling](#)

- Silver Medal, Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2005

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## Calling all wine lovers

Join our online '[Wild Wine Club](#)' and enjoy the [benefits](#) of our exclusive wine club deals like free wine deals and monthly giveaways.

The logo for Wild Wine Club features the word "wild" in a cursive script with a small bird icon above it, and "wine club" in a simple sans-serif font below it.

WILD SOUTH VINEYARDS  
MARLBOROUGH  
NEW ZEALAND

'Wild South is where the skies are wider,  
the mountains taller and the patterns of life  
are etched into the land.'

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