



MISHA'S VINEYARD

Misha Wilkinson took a giant plunge with her first steps in the wine industry, opening Misha's Vineyard with her husband.

After working a high-stress job in the technology sector in Singapore, Wilkinson wanted out. She concocted a dream to escape to New Zealand to produce her own wine with her husband.

"When we came to that strategic inflection point in our lives, we decided we needed a plan for the second half of our lives," Wilkinson explained. "Our vision was to be able to work together and build something." Having spent so long in Asia, Wilkinson and her husband Andy dreamt of crafting a range of wines suited to Asia, whilst also compatible with the

Western food market, and grown and produced in New Zealand.

"I have come from outside the industry which I think is a good thing. I draw on my knowledge and experiences from heading up marketing operations for very large corporations. I think that was the perfect background for running our own business now." Making no compromises is the fundamental philosophy of their 'wine project'. This ethos was the key moving force behind their unrelenting search to find the perfect vineyard.

There are no sacrifices made with the environment either. "Our first priority with the vineyard is careful stewardship of this spectacular land. The vineyard is farmed according to the strict regime of sustainable farming practices and we ensure that vine health is never ever compromised."

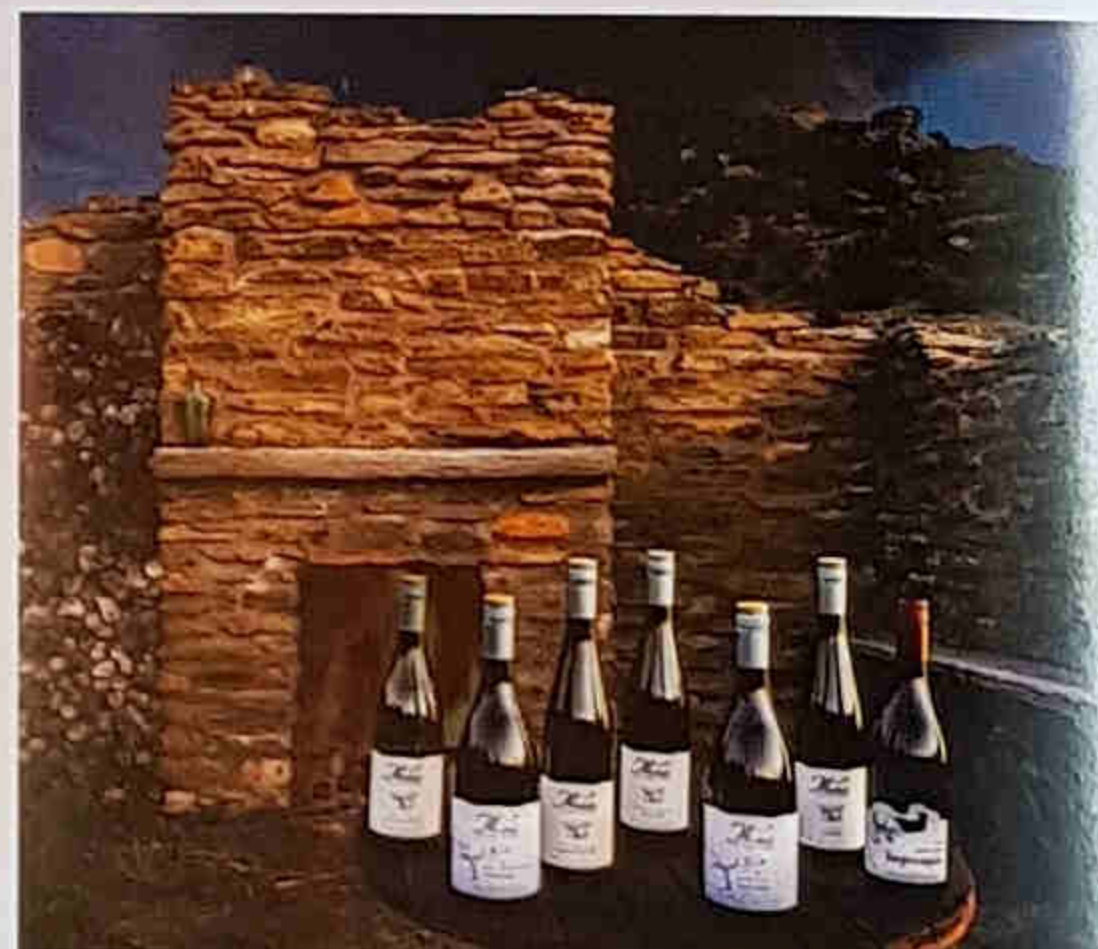
The vineyard sits on a converted piece of land with impossibly steep slopes that were once infested with rabbits and littered with rocks. It covers 57 hectares of land on the edge of Lake Dunstan in Bendigo, Central Otago. Ranging from 210 metres to 350 metres above sea level, the plants are predominantly on three levels of gently sloping terraces in the north-west facing the sun.

Eleven wine ranges are produced on the site, four of which are different styles of Pinot Noir, as well range of aromatic white wines including: Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, and Gewürztraminer.

With 12 completed vintages, the winemaking process had been going smoothly at Misha's Vineyard until the two most recent vintages flipped the table. Rain, wind and wildly contrasting temperatures over the last two years all changed the game for Otago winemakers. Despite the challenging seasons, Misha's Vineyard was still crafty and adaptable enough to make good wine.

"I think we're lucky to be in a cool region. Central Otago has always been termed 'on the edge' in terms of the grape growing climate." Wilkinson knows that despite her vineyard's prowess, there is still plenty of room left to grow and learn.

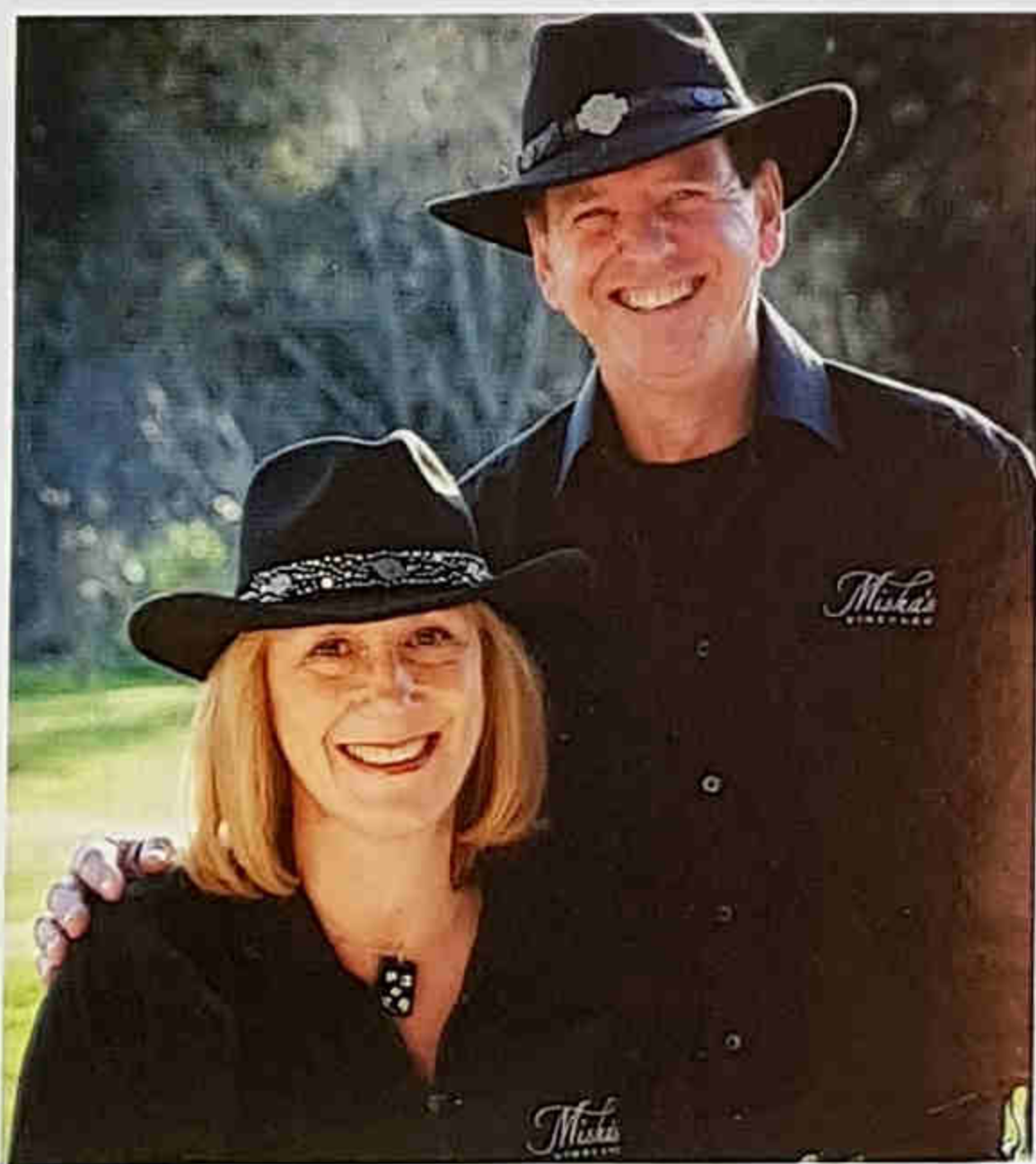
"Having just completed my WSET Level 3, there are a ton of wines I feel I need to try. Doing more study is a great thing as it has opened my eyes even



more to the wonderful world of wine that I thought I knew, but now realise that I've only just scratched the surface. The New Zealand wine industry shares a lot of similarities with other wine countries, but Wilkinson also believes it has its own charms and quirks that make it a unique place to grow.

"In many respects New Zealand is advantaged by being such a newcomer to the wine industry as we have made decisions based on what's right rather than what's traditional. This ranges from the closures we use for our wine bottles, to the way the industry cares for the land with our world-class sustainability program."

"New Zealand is known to be quite innovative already, that's in our nature, so as long as we continue to innovate and learn, and not take things for granted, we should be fine." I&C



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MISHA'S VINEYARD CANTATA PINOT NOIR 2015

Medium dark-red colour with complex aromas of sweet florals, raspberries, coffee spice and chocolate, this Pinot Noir has a fine and gentle sweet fruit palate with lingering plum stone tannins. The classic Pinot Noir matches are with game birds, roasted red meats, mushrooms as well as mild and creamy cheese.

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SACRED HILL SPECIAL SELECTION BROKENSTONE 2015

Impenetrable colour, the aroma is an explosion of dark damson plum, ten spice, black olive, black liquorice and sandalwood notes. There is mouth filling richness on the palate with dark plum, Christmas cake and savoury, meaty complexity. The tannins are very fine grained with a soft, chalky quality providing beautifully balanced length.

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JACOB'S CREEK DOUBLE BARREL CHARDONNAY

A full-bodied white which is perfect for savouring on its own or enjoyed with dishes that include smoked salmon, creamy dressings or grilled chicken. Its richer, softer, smoother character can be appreciated now or cellared until 2022.

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MISHA'S VINEYARD LIMELIGHT RIESLING 2014

This medium dry Riesling has lifted floral and hazelnut aromas along with typical varietal notes of lime, lemon zest and flint. The delicate palate has a polished and vibrant acidity which is beautifully balanced by the sweetness. An elegant finish which lingers with hints of sweet red apple and meringue.