



WHAREKAUHAU

PALLISER BAY EST. 1844

Wild | Beautiful | Luxury

Our Story:

In 1844 the Wharekauhau farming story started. A few hardy souls walk a flock of Romney sheep around the wild South coast from Wellington to the newly discovered pastoral plains of the Wairarapa. Their first stop on this mammoth herding effort was the Wharekauhau terraces.

In the early 1980s the property diversified into sharing its farming experiences with guests looking to reconnect with the land and enjoy a genuine personally hosted experience, sharing that famous New Zealand hospitality with the world!

Fast forward to 1998 and the lodge and cottages as we know it were opened, and again fast forward to 2010 when the lodge was acquired by the hospitality-passionate Foley family.

Wharekauhau continues to operate as a working sheep station, and is home to the globally recognised luxury hideaway - Wharekauhau lodge



Location

- 15-minute helicopter flight from downtown Wellington
- 90-minute drive from Wellington airport
- 40-minute drive from Martinborough/Greytown



Accommodations

- 16x Cottage Suites: 1-3 Persons
- 1x 3-bedroom Foley Villa: 1-6 persons
- 1x Security Room: 1-2 persons

All our rates include pre-dinner drinks and canapés, a multicourse evening dinner, and a full country breakfast the following morning.



Affiliations

Relais & Châteaux, Fine Hotels & Resorts, Serandipians, Virtuoso,

Experiences

Wharekauhau Station Experiences: ATV quad bike tours | Archery | Clay target shooting | Hauora Spa complex | Hiking | Mountain biking | Farm tour

Wider Wairarapa Experiences: Wairarapa artisans tour | Cape Palliser Lighthouse and Seal Colony Tour

Food & Wine Experiences: Sommeliers table wine education | Martinborough wine tour | Foley wine flight Heli-tour | Cooking class | Chef in the wild Picnic



Hospitality & Cuisine

The property's culinary programme is headed up by Daniel Watkins. He fits so perfectly into our 'made by hand, made from the land' ethos. We believe that hospitality has been a hallmark of the Wharekauhau experience since before tourism was a twinkle in the developers' eyes! It is absolutely in our DNA to share the art of hospitality with every guest of Wharekauhau.

We operate large vegetable and herb gardens, as well as believe the entire estate to be our 'pantry'. Foraging along the beach, in the valleys, the foothills and of course having premium coastal lamb at our fingertips makes each menu hyper-local, and hyper seasonal. All our suppliers are small (generally 'ma and pa' businesses) that take extreme pride in their craft.

We have a well-stocked wine cellar that pays tribute to our wine region of Martinborough, however, reaches further to showcase the best of New Zealand. The Foley family own roughly 30 vineyards between New Zealand and the USA, and we do enjoy showing off some of their best and rarest bottles.



The Wharekauhau Team

- Owners: Bill & Carol Foley (USA)
- General Manager: Richard Rooney
- Assistant Manager: Jackie Perrins
- Executive Chef: Daniel Watkins
- Restaurant Manager: Nicolas Simonucci
- Sommelier: Adrien Champigny
- Farm Manager: Bradley Riggs
- Original lodge developer: Bill and Annette Shaw
- Architect: Fred Van Brandenburg
- Interior Designer: Virginia Fischer & Kurio Design

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