

## FOLEY WINES ANNOUNCES ALASTAIR MALING TO FINISH AS GROUP CHIEF WINEMAKER

Foley Wines announce that from June 30, 2021, Alastair Maling MW will finish as Group Chief Winemaker and Head of Viticulture at Foley Wines. Alastair will move to a consultancy role working alongside the winemaking teams at Te Kairanga, Martinborough Vineyard, Grove Mill, Vavasour and Mt Difficulty to further drive wine quality and reputation across all price points and brands.

Alastair Maling MW said, "This is a direction I have considered for some time and coincides with a directional shift by Foley Wines to base a dedicated senior viticultural person in Marlborough.

It has been a pleasure to work with such a talented group of winemakers and viticulturalists and I take great pride in seeing the Foley Wine portfolio develop in both wine quality and brand value. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved as a team and, I know that the team will continue to grow and develop in the years ahead."

Mark Turnbull CEO said, "Alastair has made a considerable impact on our business over his past six years with the company. He has been the driving force behind our purpose of making great wines that people love to drink around the world. The team has all learned a great deal from Alastair and moving forward we will continue to work closely with Alastair in his consulting role."

Foley Wines are thrilled to have secured the services of Stuart Dudley as their Viticulturist Consultant based in Marlborough. Stuart is highly regarded in the industry and has recently finished working at Villa Maria (and prior to that Oyster Bay) to establish his own business.

Mark Turnbull CEO said, "We are delighted that Stu has decided to join our team in a consulting role, both of our Marlborough and Martinborough teams are looking forward to working closely with him. We have made significant gains in terms of markets, through the quality of both our viticulture and wine making. Stu will be instrumental in further progressing the viticulture programme of the business."

Stuart Dudley said, "I am really looking forward to working with the viticulture team at Foley Wines, it presents a great opportunity for me to be involved with some great vineyards and people all working towards improving performance across the board."

Finally, Foley Wines is very pleased to have received the second stage building consent for their Martinborough development at Te Kairanga, with Holmes Construction being awarded the contract. Construction is expected to start in the next few weeks, the new barrel facility was recently completed in time for the 2021 vintage. The restaurant and cellar door are expected to be completed mid-2022.

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## **ABOUT FOLEY WINES**

Foley Wines is a collection of iconic wineries and brands from New Zealand's most acclaimed wine regions. Each with a unique story of New Zealand to tell, our wineries are linked by a common unrelenting purpose; to make great wine that people love to drink around the world – Made by Land & Hand.

Foley Wines is proud custodian of Martinborough Vineyard, Te Kairanga, Grove Mill, Vavasour, Mt Difficulty and Lighthouse Gin.

Foley Wines is an NZX listed company with over a thousand New Zealand shareholders.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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