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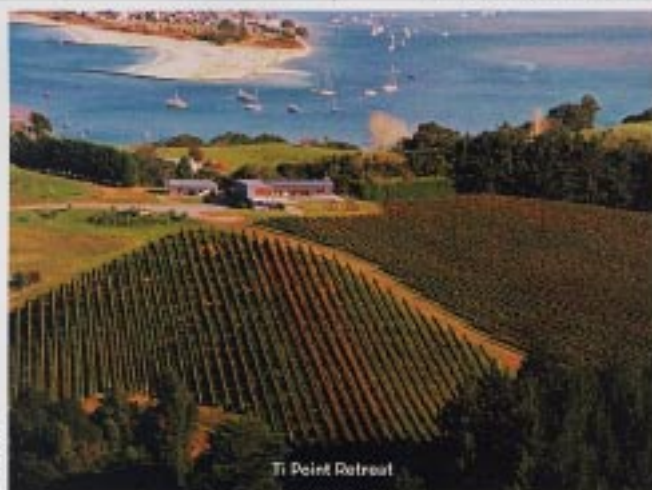


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John and Heather Forsman
at Takatu Vineyard & Lodge



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TAKATU VINEYARD & LODGE

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Vineyard accommodation The
five-star Takatu Lodge (sleeps 8),
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JOHN AND HEATHER FORSMAN have built an enviable lifestyle, for their luxury lodge is situated on a spectacular site overlooking their vineyard with views to Mt Tamahunga and the surrounding lush landscape. John, an airline pilot, is passionate

about his wines, made by Herb Friedli, an independent winemaker. John's philosophy is to grow low-yielding vines, with hand-tending of every step of vineyard production.

The Pinot Gris, made in a bone-dry style, has found instant popularity and sells out each vintage. The red wines – from Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec grapes – were released under the Kawau Bay label when produced from very young vines, but the 2005 vintage is the first to be released under the premium Takatu label.

The ultra-modern lodge set among the vines has extensive views from the four large suites, each with a bathroom opening to the outdoors and constructed from New Zealand native timbers and natural stone. Local wool and cotton fabrics have been used throughout and a three-course breakfast using local produce is included in the tariff. Dinners catered by arrangement. There is a complimentary wine tasting with antipasto platter for guests.

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