

# A Tirohana Wedding

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# Welcome to the Wairarapa



**Firstly, congratulations on your upcoming wedding!** And thank you for considering Tirohana Estate. The wonderful Wairarapa region is the perfect place in which to get married - with the temperate climate, outstanding produce, fine accommodation, award-winning wines and spectacular views - well, the Wairarapa surely has it all. Add to this some wonderful celebrants and ministers, photographers, videographers, beauticians, hairdressers, jewelers, florists and cake makers and you have a one-stop shop for your Special Day. There is even a host of outdoor pursuits to keep your guests occupied if they wish to stay for a few days in our region...

# Tirohana Estate

## Tirohana

A boutique award winning vineyard, Tirohana is a stunning and picturesque location in the heart of Martinborough's wine region, producing Pinot Noir (Tirohana is proud to be the recipient of several awards and trophies), Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Dessert wines.

Owned by Raymond Thompson, the Estate is managed by his daughter Saranne and son-in-law Toby and has a staff of International professionals, both in the wine and hospitality areas.



## The Venue

Tirohana Estate comprises an atmospheric Cellar Door, fine dining restaurant, sunny terraced patio and 5-star Qualmark rated accommodation (self-contained).

## Co-ordination

Wedding co-ordination of all the elements onsite are ably looked after by our staff. If you book Tirohana Estate an update will be sent to you every quarter with monthly updates thereafter incorporating everything from napkins to transport. The week before the wedding, a checklist is sent through to ensure that everything is in place

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For groups of 30 or less, the Tirohana Cellars Restaurant is available for dining with dancing on the terraced patio under marquee cover.

For groups of 31 to 50, a marquee on the terrace patio is available, with dancing in the marquee.

For groups of 50 - 250, a marquee on the carpark to the front of the Cellar Door building is available, with inclement weather cover available on the terrace patio.

Catering is provided by Tirohana Cellars whilst the bar service is provided by Tirohana Estate.



# Information

## Marquees

Marquees are white with a silk ceiling covering fairy lights beneath. Clear window walls overlook the vines to the hills beyond. Chairs are covered in white or black covers and can be adorned with flowers or ribbons to accent bridesmaids dress colours or a particular theme of the wedding (flax flowers, red silk bows, etc.)

Tables are round or long and covered with crisp white linen (again, these can be dressed with central coloured material or table runners), sparkling glassware and cutlery and your choice of centerpiece or decorations and wedding favours. A wooden dancefloor completes the marquee.

If the weather is fine, the sides (or particular sides if required) can be taken off to allow the breeze to waft through the marquee and provide an indoor/outdoor flow.



## The Ceremony

Available onsite under the native Ngaio tree (nicknamed the wedding tree) or on the veranda of the house, in front of the Cellar door or perhaps offsite in a church or favourite spot.

When your guests arrive there is ample off street parking opposite the vineyard (we keep the carpark clear of cars to enhance the visual appeal of the vines and maximise space for guests).

We can arrange for a celebrant to officiate and can provide chairs with covers, barrels to form an aisle and arrange for transport to the venue (bridal car, horse and carriage, etc.)

## Canapes

You may choose for your guests to be welcomed with a glass of wine or non-alcoholic punch, homemade lemonade or bubbly and any cards or gifts are taken and placed on a table either in the marquee or the Cellar Door bar area.

If the ceremony is onsite, guests are seated (or if standing, directed to the site) and afterwards it is normal for canapés to be served in the garden area (or in the terrace marquee in inclement or very hot weather). If the ceremony is offsite, guests are welcomed upon arrival with drinks and canapés.



We have a large range of canapés to choose from and can add a theme for those overseas couples such as Yorkshire puddings or sushi for example.

## The Reception

Tirohana Cellars provides catering to suit any style - from a buffet to table platters to a three-course meal.

If a three-course meal option is chosen, we do ask that guests pre-order their meals to ensure that the service runs smoothly and quickly - as you can imagine, cooking to order and plating up for 100 guests is a difficult task!

Staff ensure that guests are kept topped up with your choice of wines, bubbly, beers and non-alcoholic drinks from the bar whilst the Cellar Door bar is also in operation for those guests who prefer a change of scenery.

The wedding cake can be made or organised by Tirohana Cellars, as can any special element (for example, the chefs catered for a Northern Indian wedding recently and cooked traditional Mizoram cuisine).

After dinner, guests can dance to a variety of musical options from simply an iPod plugged into a stereo to a jukebox, a DJ or live band or strings. The wooden dancefloor in the marquee is the perfect size for guests to enjoy dancing the evening away.



## Accommodation

**Tirohana Estate Colonial House** is a 5-star Qualmark rated property on the vineyard, accommodating up to 10 guests in the following configuration:-

- Master Queen bedroom (with additional single bed)
- Queen bedroom (with additional single bed)
- Queen bedroom
- Twin bedroom

The house has full kitchen facilities, a lounge with SKY digital TV, multi CD stereo, DVD player, WiFi internet (by arrangement), a veranda with a gas BBQ and outdoor furniture and glorious views across the vines.

Please note that the rental of the accommodation is for the sole use of house guests only and if required for other wedding guests' use during the event, a special rate can be quoted.

We also operate **Duckback Cottage** in the village - this is a charming 1890's cottage accommodating up to six guests in the following configuration:-

- Master Queen bedroom
- Twin bedroom
- Single bedroom (with additional single trundle bed)

The cottage has simple kitchen facilities and a lounge with a TV/DVD and small stereo, cottage gardens and a gas BBQ



and outdoor furniture.

Please note that the rental of the property is for house guests only and if required for a gathering or party then a special rate can be quoted.



And **Red Petal Cottage**:- a turn of the century cottage on the other side of the village, accommodating up to six guests in the following configuration:-

Master Queen bedroom  
Second Queen bedroom  
Single sofa bed  
Single trundler bed

The cottage has simple kitchen facilities, a dining-area with French doors leading to the huge cottage garden with outdoor furniture and plenty of lawn. The lounge is cute and cosy with a flame effect gas fire.

We also work with a great many **third party service providers** who offer accommodation - from hotel rooms to lodge rooms, bed and breakfast to homestay cottages and backpackers to camp sites, all of which are of exceptional quality.

### **Fiscal**

Tirohana Estate only accepts a small allocation of couples every year to ensure that each wedding is special and not a 'conveyor belt' event of 'menu A and band C' limitations.

As such, budgets can be worked to, special requests fulfilled and the event tailor made to suit your needs and wishes.

Please contact the team to discuss options - [weddings@tirohanaestate.com](mailto:weddings@tirohanaestate.com)

### **Photographers, videographers, celebrants, etc.**

We can assist you in choosing the right person for the job and can put you in touch with a range of high quality service providers who specialise in their field.

### **The Bar**

Tirohana Estate offers an extensive wine list to suit any budget as well as bubbly, beers, soft drinks, juices and spirits.

As the Estate is a vineyard we do not operate as a 'bring your own' venue.



# Contact

Thank you once again for considering Tirohana Estate for your Special Day.

The Tirohana team will ensure that your family and friends - and most importantly, yourselves - will enjoy a day that is both memorable and special.

Please do not hesitate to contact the team at any time should you require further information about available dates or would like to discuss a budget for your wedding.

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