



Materman appointed Chief Winemaker for Montana

Patrick Materman, Marlborough regional winemaker for Montana, has been appointed to the position of Chief Winemaker commencing in the New Year.

Patrick joined Montana in February 1990 and the former New Zealand Winemaker of the Year now has experience of 20 vintages and a long proven track record in the wine industry. Patrick spent the first four years with Montana Wines in Auckland before moving to Blenheim in 1994, where he will continue to be based.

Patrick Materman says "I am excited and extremely proud to become Montana's Chief Winemaker and am looking forward to the opportunities ahead, including working alongside a vastly experienced viticulture and winemaking team."

His predecessor, Jeff Clarke, will be leaving the company at the end of the year, after 16 years, during which time he has made a considerable contribution to Montana and the New Zealand wine industry, both domestically and globally.

"This was not an easy decision to make, but it was time for a change. After much deliberation I have decided it is time to pursue other interests. I know I leave a strong team here, who will continue to build on the successes we are having," says Jeff Clarke.

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