

Election Process

MARLBOROUGH WINEGROWERS BOARD

About Wine Marlborough

The purpose of Wine Marlborough is to proudly stand up for, and build, the reputation of Marlborough's wine region. Five staff are employed to provide Advocacy, Events, Marketing and Communications.

The Marlborough Winegrowers Association (MWG) was established over 40 years ago by elected members of the industry. Wine Marlborough Limited (WML) is a wholly owned subsidiary company, established in 1992, and governed by the MWG Board of Directors.

Membership	Every person or body corporate who produces grapes in Marlborough or grape wine from grapes grown in Marlborough for sale is a Wine Marlborough member. Membership is automatic through the levies paid to the national wine body, New Zealand Winegrowers (NZW).
Funding	All New Zealand winemakers and grape growers who sell their products are required to pay a grape or wine levy on these sales to NZW. WML is partially funded with this levy, receiving approximately 5%. We also self-fund activities and generate funding through user pays activities, sponsorships, and event income.
Governance	Wine Marlborough Ltd is 100% owned by MWG and is governed by the MWG Board of Directors. The WMG Board is made up of five wine company and five grape grower representatives elected by members. The term for a MWG Board member is three years.

About the MWG Election

Under the Constitution of the Marlborough Winegrowers Association (MWG), an annual election must take place.

- Each Member company has one representative that can vote, nominate, or stand for the MWG Board.
- Each Member company can only be registered in one voting category (either a wine company or grape grower) based on the highest levy paid to NZW.
- If there are less nominations than Director places available in any category, there will be no election for that category and whomever has applied will be automatically elected.

Stage 1 – Registration	Stage 2 - Nominations	Stage 3 - Voting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registered voters notified of process & dates – August 11 - Transfer vote form or change of details due – August 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nominations open – August 31 - Nomination close – September 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Voting opens - September 15 - Voting closes - October 2 - Results notified - October 3

About the MWG Board

The MWG Board is made up of **five wine company** and **five grape grower representatives**. The MWG Board sets the strategic direction and priorities for Wine Marlborough Limited, sets board policies, identifies, and manages risk, and monitors and evaluates organisational achievements to exercise its accountability to the organisation and its stakeholders.

- The term for a Director of the MWG Board is three years.
- The Board meets a minimum of six times per year.
- Retiring Board members are permitted to re-stand in the next election.

This year two positions are up for election in the grape grower category and one position for the wine company category.

How to stand for the MWG Board

1. You must be the registered company voter to be eligible for nomination to the MWG Board.
 - o The registered voter will receive an email on **August 11**, confirming the entity, voting group and email address.
 - o If you are not the registered company voter and want to be nominated for the MWG Board, you need to ask the registered voter to transfer their vote to you using the Transfer Vote Form and return to the WML office **by August 18**.
2. You must be nominated by another registered company voter in the same voting category (wine company or grape grower)
 - o Registered voters will receive the Nomination Form on August 31.
 - o Nomination Forms must be returned **by September 8**.

Key Information:

- The MWG Board is made up of five wine company and five grape grower representatives. The term for a MWG Board member is three years.
- Each Member company is registered in either a wine company or grape grower voting category based on the highest levy paid to NZW. This information has been provided to WML by NZW, 23rd July 2023 and will be emailed on August 11 to the company voter. If this information is incorrect or you would like to transfer your vote to allow someone else to stand for the MWG Board, this must be changed by August 18.
- Only those persons registered as the company voter can nominate or be nominated for the MWG Board in their voting category. Nominations open August 31 and close September 8.
- Voting opens on September 15 and closes at noon on October 2.
- Results will be notified on October 3.

If you require further information, please call Wine Marlborough General Manager, Marcus Pickens on 021 831 820.

2023 KEY DATES	August 11	Members are notified of process and dates
	August 18	Transfer vote closes
	August 31	Nominations open
	September 1	Last meeting of current board
	September 8	Nominations close
	September 15	Voting opens
	October 2	Voting closes
	October 3	Notification of results
November 3	First meeting of new board	