

# 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. We represent 559 grape growers and 147 wine companies, accounting for over three quarters of New Zealand's wine production. 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 WMG 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"> <li>- Registered voters notified of process &amp; dates – August 6</li> <li>- Transfer vote form or change of details due – August 20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nominations open – August 31</li> <li>- Nomination close – September 10th</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Voting opens - September 15</li> <li>- Voting closes - September 30</li> <li>- Results notified - October 1</li> </ul>

### 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 in order 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, six positions are up for election, four in the wine company category and two in the grape grower category. Four current members have indicated they will not stand again (two each in the wine company and grape grower category), having already served for six years each. Two of the six retiring Board members will re-stand in the election, both of whom are in the wine company category. Four Board members are not up for re-election in this campaign.

### 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 6, 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 20**.
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 10**.

### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 and will be emailed August 6 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 20.
- 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 10.
- Voting opens on September 15 and closes at noon on September 30.
- Results will be notified on October 1.

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

KEY DATES	August 6	Members are notified of process and dates
	<b>August 20</b>	<b>Transfer vote closes</b>
	August 31	Nominations open
	September 3	Last meeting of current board
	<b>September 10</b>	<b>Nominations close</b>
	September 15	Voting opens
	<b>September 30</b>	<b>Voting closes</b>
	October 1	Notification of results
November 5	First meeting of new board	