



Hawke's Bay Primed For Four-Course Classic

Great golf meets fine wine in this dream Kiwi matchup

IT IS a match made in heaven – New Zealand's oldest wine region teaming up with four of its best golf courses to produce the inaugural Hawke's Bay Four-Course Golf & Wine Classic.

In conjunction with PaRnz Golfing Holidays, this October 31 to November 3 event will take golfers on a delightful tour of Hastings, Maraenui, Napier and Hawke's Bay golf clubs – with an option to play an additional round at the world No.16 layout, Cape Kidnappers.

The four-day event includes gross, nett and stableford

prizes across age and handicap divisions, with wine from this icon of New Zealand viticulture to feature strongly at the functions and prize table.

With a maritime climate mirroring that of Bordeaux, France, Hawke's Bay is New Zealand's leading producer of full-bodied red wines, as well as rich and complex chardonnays. This North Island destination contains more than 80 per cent of New Zealand's plantings of merlot, cabernet sauvignon and syrah grapes. And with more than 100 vineyards and 72 wineries on offer, it's easy to see how Hawke's Bay developed its reputation as New Zealand's greatest wine region.

Hastings is one of the country's best-known club courses, with a proud history of hosting amateur events. The club produced one of New Zealand's most successful amateur players, the late Stuart Jones. Hastings will wow visiting golfers with the quality of its putting surfaces and beautifully conditioned fairways.

Napier Golf Club is presented by one of the country's few

female superintendents, Ingrid van Steenberg. As one of the oldest courses in New Zealand, formed in 1898 at the current site of Waiohiki, it is laid out across three distinct areas of land separated by roadways. Distinctive woodcarvings and ancient Maori gravesites give this course a unique character.

Maraenui Golf Club lies on the coast road between Napier and Hastings. In addition to an enjoyable 18-hole layout, the club also manages an adjacent nine-hole challenger for beginners and social players.

Priding itself as being one of the 'friendliest' clubs, Maraenui is a tight, tree-lined challenge that demands accuracy, especially off the tee. Like Hastings and Napier, Maraenui is also an easy-walking course with sea breezes often coming into play.

The Hawke's Bay Four-Course Golf & Wine Classic will culminate at Hawke's Bay Golf Club. The youngest of the four selected courses, Hawke's Bay was laid out on a pumice (volcanic rock) and offers wide, tree-lined fairways.

In addition to wildlife including tui, doves, wild ducks, plovers and herons, golfers are treated to wonderful views of Te Mata Peak and the northern Ruahine Range from many of the holes.

Perhaps most significant for golfing visitors, however, is that it is on the doorstep of Tom Doak's Cape Kidnappers masterpiece. Putting Hawke's Bay on the map as much as the wine, Cape Kidnappers recently climbed to No.16 on the World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses.

This stunning golf course enjoys a bucket-list reputation, courtesy of holes that play along cliff edges, offering world-beating views of the Pacific Ocean. All players in this year's Hawke's Bay Golf & Wine Classic tournament will also have the option to play a round at Cape Kidnappers on Friday, November 4.

Tournament details and player registration are now available online at parnz.co.nz.

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STUNNING VIEWS AND GREAT GOLF ARE JUST PART OF THE FUN AT CAPE KIDNAPPERS IN HAWKE'S BAY, NEW ZEALAND.