



Meaning: Place of knowledge
Pronunciation: forry co ho
Estate size: 3,000-acre
Farm Established: 1844
Hosted first guests: 1982
Luxury lodge: 1998
Bought by Foley family: 2010

Framed by the Remutaka Ranges to the West and the ruggedly beautiful blue sweep of Palliser Bay to the South. Wharekauhau Country Estate embraces its sense of place and has built storied history as one of the greatest luxury hideaways in the world. It is truly 'Wild Beautiful Luxury'. The estate is home to 16 Cottage Suites, and 1 x ultra-luxe three-bedroom villa. The main lodge is designed in keeping with an Edwardian country house, and reflects this elegant, beautiful, grandeur of a bygone era. Think open sun-soaked kitchens, large open fireplaces and deep sofas, and cosy nooks to snuggle up with a good book. The property is much more than luxury accommodation and exceptional hospitality, it is also an activity and experience outfitter, and conducts a range of guided experiences for guests on the property, and in the wider Wairarapa region. You will also find an onsite wellness centre – Complete with heated indoor pool, fitness centre, hot tub, tennis court and day spa.

Bill & Carol Foley (Owners)
Richard Rooney (General manager)
Bradley Riggs (Farm manager)
Jackie Perrins (Assistant Lodge manager)
Norka Mella (Executive chef)
Nicolas Simonucci (Restaurant Manager)

Hospitality has been a hallmark for Wharekauhau since the 1840s, when travelling shepherds and farmhands would spend an evening sharing fireside stories over hearty food and wine. This 'spirit' has traversed the decades and to this day we continue to pride ourselves in our genuine, personal, and professional New Zealand approach to hospitality.

The property's culinary programme is headed up by Executive Chef Norka Mella, and charismatic Restaurant Manager Nicolas Simonucci

Expansive vegetable gardens; Herb beds; Mature orchards; as well as the entire 3,000-acre estate as our 'pantry'. Foraging along the coastline, the streams, in the valleys, the foothills, native forests, pastures, means each dish is hyper-local, seasonal, and tells our *Wild Beautiful Luxury* story.

We believe in knowing the people involved in the estate story, so all our local suppliers are small (generally 'ma and pa' businesses) that take extreme pride in their craft and are vetted against our sustainability-first ethos.

Wharekauhau is home to one of New Zealand's greatest wine collections. One that has been slowly procured since 1998 and pays tribute to our local wine region of Martinborough, yet also showcases the wider New Zealand wine regions. The cellar has its own Sommeliers Table dining room that we use to host a range of tastings, and private dinners.

Affiliations

Virtuoso
Serandipians
American Express Fine Hotels & Resort
Relais & Châteaux

Accommodation

All Standard rates include pre-dinner drinks & canapes, dinner, and a full country breakfast the following morning.

16 Cottage suites

1-3 guests - 70 sqft

One 3-bedroom Foley Villa

1-6 guests -4500 sqft

Experiences

- Farm tour
- Clay Shooting
- Cooking Classes
- Spa treatments
- Wine tastings
- Wairarapa Artisans tour
- Martinborough Wine tour
- Cape Palliser tour
- Scenic Helicopter flight
- ATV Quad bike
- Archery
- E-biking
- Star gazing
- Gin tastings



Wharekauhau Country Estate Layout



Cottage Suites layout

(Can interconnect up to three suites)

