

Dr. John Harris - Born in Wellington, New Zealand, and educated at Otago University (BSc Hons) and University of London (PhD). Worked at Harvard Medical School and the Salk Institute before becoming Associate Professor of Physiology at Otago Medical School. Served as Visiting Professor at University of California Medical School, Australian National University, University of Grenoble, University of Paris, Pasteur Institute, Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute, Kyoto University, National Centre for Biological Research Tata Institute, Cambridge University, and St. Jude's Hospital, Memphis. John has a long list of scientific publications in distinguished journals including Nature, Science, The Lancet, and Proceedings of the Royal Society. Currently, his background in biological science is put to good use in winemaking and grape growing, especially in understanding the influences and dynamics of wild yeast and bacteria. He has strong interests in improving vineyard soils and in restoring native vegetation, supporting the sustainable winegrowing program at Maori Point.

Dr. Marilyn Duxson – Born in Melbourne. Undergraduate degree at University of Melbourne in Zoology and Botany. Masters degree at University of Melbourne in Comparative Physiology. PhD from University College London in Developmental Biology, studying formation and refinement of neuromuscular junctions during mammalian development. Postdoctoral fellowships at University College (Dept of Anatomy & Embryology), then at University of Otago (Dept of Physiology). Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at University of Otago (Dept of Anatomy and Structural Biology) and Principal Investigator of Neuromuscular Development Lab. Marilyn is our vine whisperer, focused on viticulture, and she also helps with sales and marketing.

Matt Evans – Born in Houston, Texas, but lived primarily in San Francisco Bay Area while in US. Undergraduate degree at Princeton University in international affairs and economics. MBA at UC Berkeley. Oenology and viticulture certificate from UC Davis. Worked as an investment banker for Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley. Worked as a product manager for NVIDIA. Co-founder of solar energy company, Banyan Energy. Began making wine in 2003, and since 2011 has been making wine in both Northern California and New Zealand. Before becoming an owner at Maori Point Wines, Matt made wine for Rippon Vineyard and other Central Otago wineries. Matt is focused on winemaking and sales for Maori Point.

Dr. Maggie C. Evans – Born in Long Beach, California but lived primarily in San Francisco Bay Area. Undergraduate degree from University of California, Berkeley in integrative biology and nutritional science. Masters from Penn State University in exercise physiology and reproductive endocrinology. PhD from University of Otago in reproductive and metabolic neuroendocrinology. Working as a postdoctoral fellow investigating metabolic neuroendocrinology with a focus on the hormonal restraint of hedonic feeding. Department of Conservation volunteer helping with the management of the critically endangered yellow-eyed penguins and iconic kakapo. Although she is currently full-time employed in neuroscience research, Maggie leads our social media and direct sales outreach.