

Where to Eat

For such a small place, Martinborough is very sophisticated in the eating department.

Smack dab in the middle of town is the very swish Martinborough Hotel.

Renovated only recently, the front bar is a great place to meet the locals (everybody drinks there), while the dining room out back offers fairly serious restaurant fare that is especially popular with big eaters (the servings are huge).

The rooms upstairs offer very comfortable accommodation and at the rear are motel-style units.

Right across the road is Est, Martinborough's first wine bar. Stepping into Est, set up by industry veterans Jeremy O'Brien and Natasha Hancock, you swear you hadn't left the city.

It's stylish, comfortable and very professional, I just wish I had more time during my visit to give the extensive wine list (many available by the glass) and terrific mod NZ food a good workout.

Definitely a must-visit.