

Wine bar& eatery

Est wine Bar & Eatery, situated in the 19th century post office building on Martinborough Square, opened only last December and is already popular with locals and especially with visitors who stay in the colonial cottages which surround the square.

Owners Jeremy O'Brien and Natasha Hancock have gained their experience in the hospitality industry in restaurants, bars and functions management.

"We wanted to create a comfortable environment which made our patrons feel at ease" says Natasha. Breakfast and lunch patrons tend to head for one of two courtyards, either along the front of the building beside the square or at the back, where there are high walls and overhanging trees.

In the wine bar bottles are displayed in a 1920's bookshelf and the lounge has

bankettes and an open fireplace. A small function room is sited in the original

postmans quarters.

The simple menu emphasizes local regional produce with smaller dishes that can be combined or shared by guests. Faced with so many good local wines, est's

owners decided to list a different 10 each month.

Another popular decision, especially with Wairarapa winemakers, who like to compare styles, is to carry a selection of New Zealand wines from other areas and to stock overseas wines.

Est hosts wine tastings conducted by local wine makers.

Est, The Square, Martinborough is open from Wednesday to Sunday.

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