



## Media Release

### **Release Private Retreat - A villa-retreat masterpiece on all counts**

Wanaka, New Zealand (September 2009)

Release Private Retreat at Lake Wanaka is a modern masterpiece on all counts. It's a masterpiece of modern architectural design. It's masterfully positioned with commanding panoramic views of Lake Wanaka, Treble Cone ski resort and the rugged peaks of Mt Aspiring National Park. It's furnished with unique contemporary masterpieces of New Zealand design, arts and crafts. And it's a cutting edge masterpiece of eco-friendly design.

Flooded with natural light through enormous panoramic windows, the open-plan design of Release brings stupendous views right into the villa. Fabulously furnished with leather sofas in rich earth tones, the lounge area flows easily to dining and then to a superb kitchen. Cook up your own specialties or arrange a private chef to come in and work his magic on amazing local ingredients served with Central Otago's famed pinot noir wines. Three double bedrooms each with its own bathroom with more sensational views; and there's a hot tub in the grounds, too.

At every turn there's pleasure to be had from original, designer furnishings, New Zealand craftsmanship and contemporary artworks from emerging artists. Outdoors, huge terraces feature a barbecue and informal furniture – and lake and mountain views that make memories forever. A sustainable, eco-friendly retreat designed to last a lifetime – this retreat has a passive solar design that reduces the need for heating and has also incorporated many water and energy efficient features.

Release will host up to six in great, spacious comfort. It's the ideal choice for friends and families, perfect for memorable weddings and celebrations, the total answer for corporate workshops or reward programmes.

Guests at Release enjoy a 24/7 concierge service. Just ask and you could be skiing on snow or water, fishing, backcountry adventuring, shopping in Queenstown, mountaineering, flying a Vintage Tiger Moth, exploring wineries or dining on some of New Zealand's greatest food and wine.

Release – a villa retreat masterpiece on all counts. A 100% Pure New Zealand Experience.

#### **Must See:**

- The rugged peaks and glaciers of the Mt. Aspiring National Park
- Treble Cone – New Zealand's premier ski resort
- Queenstown – New Zealand's top, year-round playground
- Remote West Coast, Milford Sound and Fjordland
- Wineries of Central Otago

**Must Do:**

- Taste-test wineries and their restaurants
- Extreme IT'S ABOUT A GIRL adventures for women instructed by women
- Explore local Farmers' Markets
- Dine out - or dine in with a personal chef
- Helicopter to ski, board or mountain bike in snow-capped peaks
- Test your driving ability on challenging snow and ice
- White water rafting to explore valleys, mountains and rare alpine wilderness
- Scuba dive for crayfish (lobsters) and scallops in Fjordland.
- Backcountry fly-fishing
- Motorcycle the rugged splendour of Central Otago
- Water ski or wakeboard Lake Wanaka's serene waters
- Climb mountain peaks with local guides
- Learn to fly in a vintage Tiger Moth

**Must Buy:**

- Famed Pinot Noir wines from Central Otago
- Contemporary art from New Zealand's artists and craftsmen
- Pure merino wool throws and blankets
- Greenstone (New Zealand jade) jewellery

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