

Wharekahu Country Estate Voted Best in the World by Conde Nast Traveller Readers

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Results from the prestigious Condé Nast Traveller United Kingdom Readers Choice Awards 2011 have been announced and New Zealand's Wharekahu Country Estate located in the famed winery region of Martinborough, has been voted in the very best resorts in the world.

The Condé Nast Traveller Gold List is considered the ultimate guide to the world's finest establishments, recognising only the top echelon of hotels and resorts. This gold list is compiled from 32,633 reader responses, which highlights the top hotels from around the world - based on the facilities, activities authentic to the region, food, ambience/design and service.

Recapturing the gracious lifestyle of the bygone era, Wharekahu Country Estate is a luxury lodge with award-winning style, situated on a 5000-acre working farm on the South East coast of New Zealand's North Island. Famed by the Rimutaka Ranges to the West and Palliser Bay to the East, the Lodge is surrounded by ancient, native forest, spectacular beaches, bountiful rivers and tranquil lakes facilitating a veritable smorgasbord of outdoor activities. Each of the sumptuously furnished, charming cottages which are dotted throughout the extensive grounds, enjoy magnificent ocean views and offer complete privacy and seclusion.

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Editors Notes:

- For more information on the Conde Nast Travellers Readers Choice Awards 2011 visit <http://www.cntraveller.com/awards/readers-travel-awards/the-readers-travel-awards-2011/accommodation>
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