

# A DAY IN OUR LIFE

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## 10 Top Winemakers By Stephen Bennett MW



Hatsch Kalberer

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**Fromm Winery, Marlborough**

Swiss-born Hatsch Kalberer used to leave his office job for three months a year and hitch-hike through Europe trying and buying great wine — only returning to his desk when he was broke. Moving to New Zealand in 1982, he began work at Matawhero with pioneer Denis Irwin, but it was a decade later when he joined Georg Fromm in Marlborough that his sublime talent began to emerge.

A man of intense passion and quiet integrity he believes there can be no short-cuts in making great wine and that vineyard expression is paramount — “My role is merely that of coach”. He disdains wines that taste too “interfered with”, and currently produces some of our best riesling and chardonnay with a cache of impressive pinot noirs.