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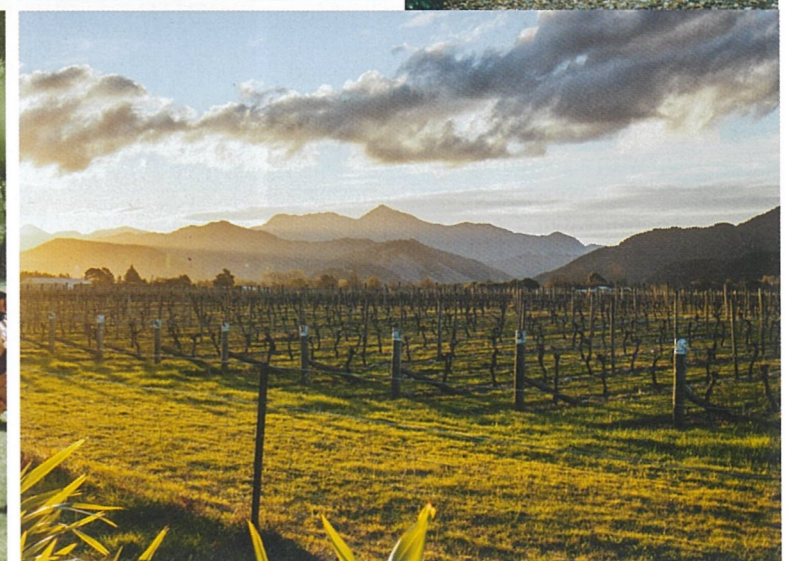
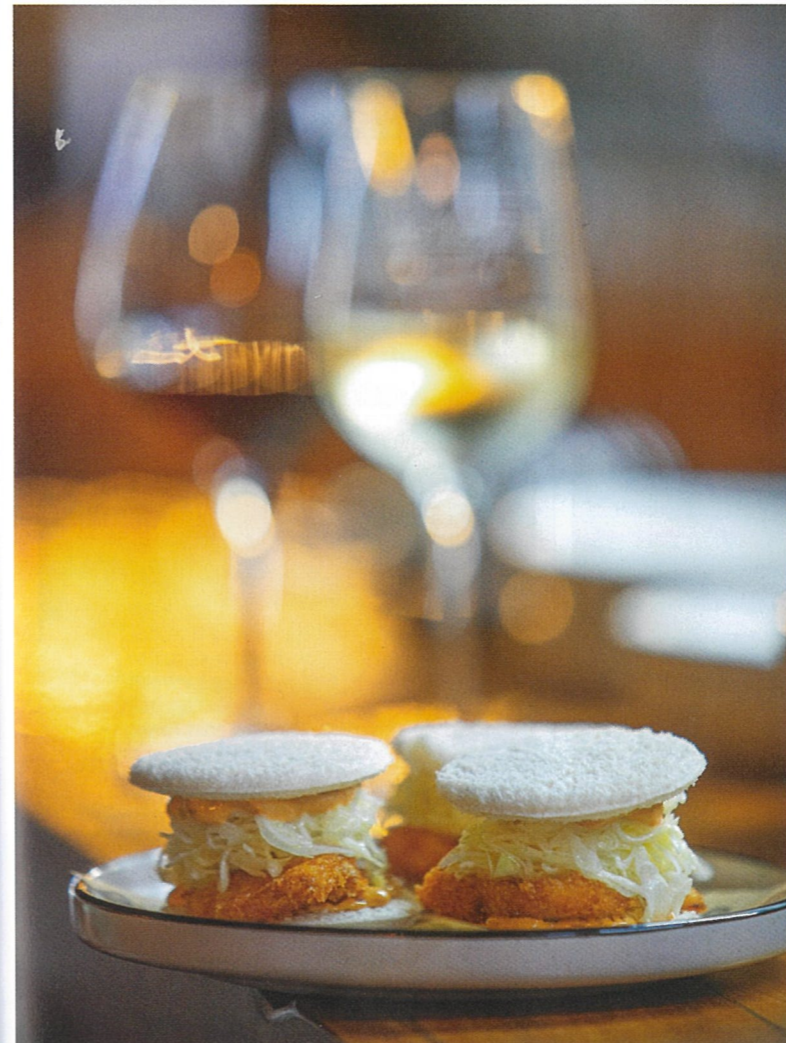
Kelli Brett carves a gourmet trail through Marlborough, Aotearoa's wine, artisan food and seafood mecca.



Heads up food and drink lovers! For a fabulous few days in October, the glorious surrounds of Marlborough provide the perfect setting to indulge in a slew of foodie events. On 7 October, the New Zealand Cheese Festival (formerly the South Island Cheese Festival) is a cheese-filled extravaganza with a fine-dining cheese dégustation, cheese-and-wine workshops and a massive picnic day at Clos Henri vineyard (nzcheesefest.nz). And among other tempters on 6 October, Bayley's Friday Night Fest – Marlborough's iconic street-food festival – will see talented local chefs let loose on a theme of Smoke and Fire.

While you are there, you will want to hit the local hot spots for people who love to eat and drink, right? Here's your new Marlborough bucket list so you can start ticking...

CLUDY BAY, FRANK'S OYSTER BAR & EATERY, CAPTURE STUDIOS, ARBOUR, RICHARD BRIGGS, MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS, MATTHIAS RHODE, ALAMY STOCK PHOTO



THIS PAGE Marlborough Sounds
OPPOSITE TOP 14th Lane
Urban Hotel; Huia vineyards
CENTRE Troy's hāpuku sando
from Frank's Oyster Bar and
Eatery; Simon Kelly and Ben
Leggett of Elemental Distillers;
Arbour BOTTOM Boom Town
Brewing Co; Marlborough vines