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Right: The heated swimming pool and pool house; (below) the stylish living room.



them with delicious heat-and-eat meals from Blax Deli in Christchurch," says Gillian.

Dry Paddocks is located in the middle of the rapidly growing Waipara wine region and guests are within minutes of numerous cellar doors including Pegasus Bay, Fiddler's Green, Mud House, Waipara Hills and Camshorn. Neil and Gillian provide a complimentary bottle of local wine – an award-winning Fiddler's Green pinot noir, say – and they have a range of others for guests to purchase at cellar-door prices.

Ideal for one couple or two, Dry Paddocks is the perfect wine lovers' retreat. Once you've unpacked your suitcase, uncorked a local pinot noir and fallen into a balcony chair under the rush-covered pergola, you won't want to ever leave.

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if guests arrive to celebrate a wedding anniversary or a birthday, she'll make a cake for the occasion.

"We have two wonderful restaurants nearby where guests can eat too. Pegasus Bay Winery is famous for its superb lunches and the Nor-Wester Cafe in nearby Amberley is a good spot. And if guests don't feel like going out at night, we can supply

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**DRY PADDOCKS SETTLES** into its tanned Waipara landscape as if it was always meant to be there. The surrounding paddocks may be sunburnt and thirsty, but the retreat itself is a self-contained oasis of comfort and style. Open the doors and you walk into a cool two-bedroom sanctuary with the best of everything at your fingertips.

Owners Neil and Gillian Hyndman have travelled widely and Gillian has left nothing to chance when it comes to making sure her guests have everything they need. From an excellent sound system and fully equipped kitchen and laundry to sun hats, barbecue, coffee machine, indoor and outdoor dining tables, umbrellas, baskets and sunscreen, there's nothing she hasn't thought of.

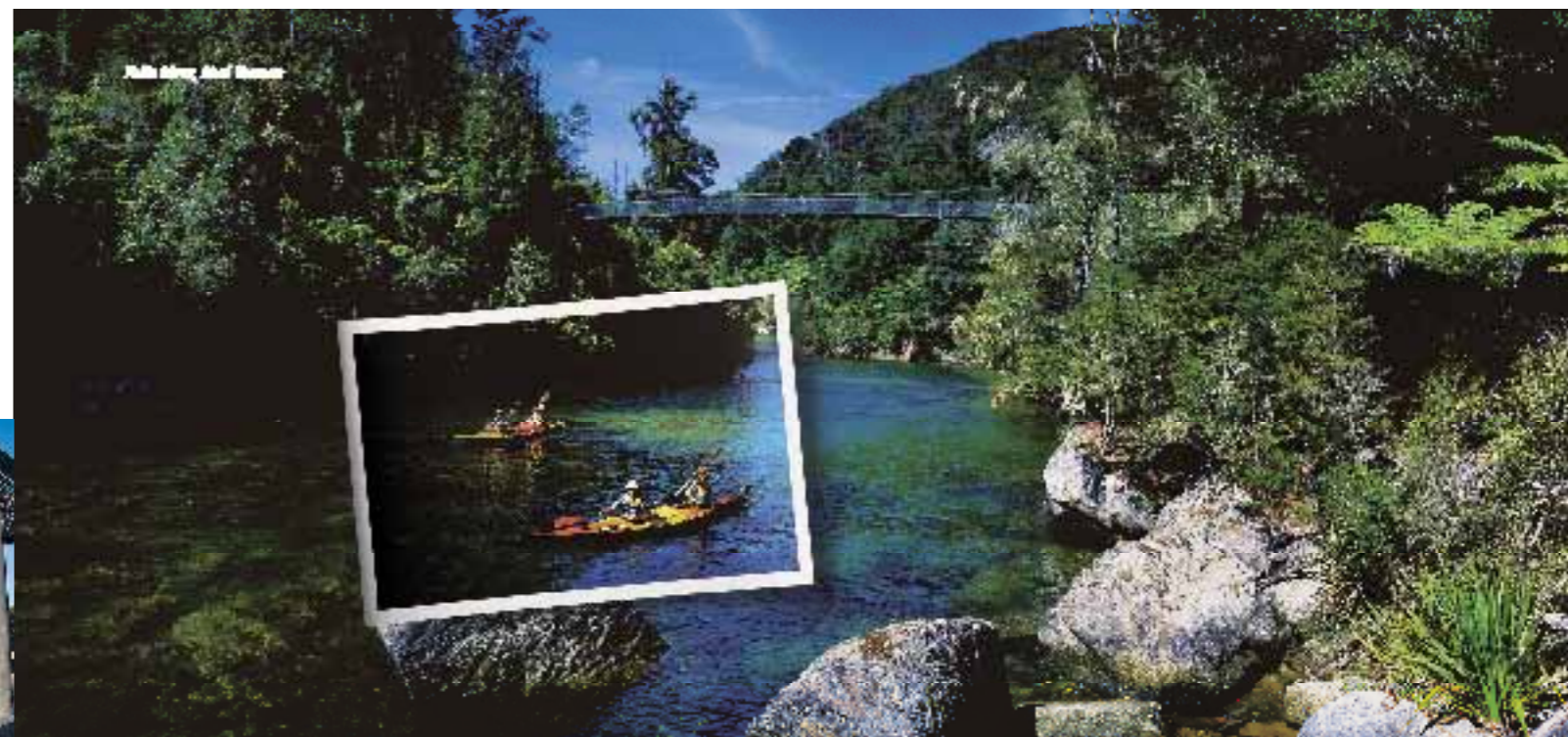
There are two superbly decorated bedrooms, each with its own ensuite; guests have the use of a heated swimming pool and petanque facilities and they are welcome to wander in the Dry Paddocks gardens, or while away the hours on their own balcony or in a private courtyard.

Gillian provides delicious breakfast provisions, showcasing many local products including Rachel Scott breads and award-winning Bellbird Olive Oil. She'll tailor-make provisions for special occasions and



Top image: Dry Paddocks is surrounded by, well, dry paddocks; (lower images) the two-bedroom cottage is an oasis of comfort.

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