

Blackenbrook Family Reserve Pinot Noir 2019

Deep in colour, our Family Reserve Pinot Noir 2019 exudes rich flavours of black cherries and spices, a firm tannin structure and excellent complexity – a truly powerful wine.

In exceptional years we carefully select wines for our Family Reserve label. We feel they just have that extra dimension and totally deserve a black label.



Season Overview: The weather gods were on our side, giving us an exceptional growing season. With ample spring rain the vineyard was off to a strong start and quickly grew a vibrant green canopy, the powerhouse producing the energy for the new crop. Grapevines are wind-pollinators and the dry and sunny December was perfect for a good, even fruit set.

From January right into harvest a heat wave and drought gripped Nelson Tasman. Luckily our un-irrigated vines have deep roots and managed to find sufficient water deep down in the gravelly clay soils. They thrived in the challenging conditions and gave us a beautiful crop with outstanding colour and flavours. Harvest kicked off on 8 March, the earliest we've seen it at Blackenbrook's ever.

From **Sustainable Production**, accredited by Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand



Vineyard: all fruit from our 18 year old home Nine Clones: UCD5, UCD 6, 10/5, 22, 114, 115, 667, 777, Abel

Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam

Close planting: 3780 vines/ha

Extensive manual shoot thinning and leaf plucking to keep canopy healthy and dry hand-picked in pristine condition on 11 March 2019, 23.7 Brix

Winery: Two weeks cold maceration, fermented on skins, hand-plunged, gentle pressing, gravity-fed to main winery, minimal pumping, 12 months in French barrels, 30% new wood, bottled on 10 July 2020, screw capsules, 13.5% alc



Gold Medal

Aotearoa Regional Wine Competition 21

5 Stars Michael Cooper, michaelcooperwines.com

The bold 2019 vintage is a powerful, sturdy, highly concentrated red, with rich, very youthful plum and spice flavours, oak complexity, and a fairly firm finish.

4 Stars or 94/100 Bob Campbell MW, [The Real Review](#)

Intense, ripe pinot noir with Black Doris plum, black cherry, liquorice, anise and a hint of wood-smoke supported by a perfect structure of ripe tannins.

5 Stars Candice Chow, [Raymond Chan Wine Reviews](#)

5 Stars Neil Hodgson, The Nelson Mail 3 March 2021