

Blackenbrook Family Reserve Pinot Noir 2020

The deeply coloured Family Reserve Pinot Noir 2020 bursts with power and concentration. Generous black cherries, spice and savoury notes are underpinned with fine tannins and beautiful weight, simply captivating.

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



Season Overview: What a blast! The growing season was a pure delight, putting smiles on everyone's face! The vines loved the gentle spring rain and quickly produced a healthy, vibrantly green canopy. In December, our Nelson sun made for perfect flowering and good pollination.

Summer brought many weeks of blue skies, interspersed with brief rain falls, just enough to keep the soil moisture up and the vines thriving.

We couldn't believe our luck when we saw this weather pattern continue right into harvest in mid-March! The fruit was in perfect condition with high sugar levels and tremendous flavour intensity, probably the best we've ever seen it.

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



Vineyard:

Fruit: exclusively from our 19 year old Home Block
Soil: Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam
Clones: UCD5 & 6, 10/5, 22, 114, 115, 667, 777, Abel
Close planting: 3780 vines/ha
Extensive manual shoot thinning and leaf plucking to keep canopy healthy and dry
Hand-picked in on 19 March 2020 with 23.5 Brix

Winery:

Fruit di-stemmed before two weeks cold maceration at 2 degrees, fermentation on the skins, hand-plunged, gentle pressing, gravity-fed
from press area to main winery, minimal pumping

Aged for 12 months in French oak barrels in temperature controlled barrel room, 14% new wood
Bottled on 21 July 2021, 14.0% alcohol under screw capsules, light-weight bottles to reduce carbon footprint



Gold Medal

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94/100 Bob Campbell MW, therealreview.com

A very favourable vintage has produced this riper-than-usual pinot noir while maintaining good acidity.

A concentrated version with cassis, black cherry, Black Doris plum, wood smoke and a suggestion of baked-earth character. A **weighty wine** with a backbone of fine, peppery tannins. Should develop well with bottle age.