

# Blackenbrook Gewürztraminer 2022

Our Gewürztraminer is a compellingly perfumed wine with notes of rose petal, Turkish delight and star anise; soft and seductive, but not sweet.

It's our Moutere clay soils, the dazzling Nelson sun and the finger prints of our team that make our wines unique. We hope you'll enjoy.



**Season Overview:** It started off like a dream: a warm spring, mild conditions for flowering and a strong fruit set, lots of blue skies and just enough rainfall to keep the vineyard happy and working at its best.

But 70mm of rain followed by two weeks of warm, humid weather in February had us deeply worried about our crop. The weather recovered, but the grapes were now fragile and wouldn't survive another big rain event.

And where would we find pickers? Covid 19 was raging and the borders closed. But the community support was absolutely amazing with lots of people offering their help. We ended up bringing in a beautiful harvest with the best picking team ever – such a relief!

**Vegan wine**, certified by the New Zealand Vegetarian Society



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

**Vineyard:** all fruit from our home block Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam extensive manual shoot thinning and leaf plucking to keep canopy healthy and dry hand-picked on 16 March 2022 with 22.9 Brix

**Winery:** gentle whole bunch pressing gravity-fed from press area to main winery, tank fermented at low temperature to enhance aromatics and fruit-flavours, extended lees contact minimal pumping, **no fining** pre-bottling.

5% oak-aged for added complexity, 4.8g/ltr natural residual sugar, bottled on 26 July 2022 under screw capsules, **off-dry**, 13.0% alcohol

**4½ Stars Michael Cooper, michaelcooperwines.com**

A consistently attractive wine. Perfumed and mouthfilling, it is clearly varietal, with strong, vibrant, peachy, distinctly spicy flavours, slightly gingery notes, fresh acidity and a basically dry finish.

**Silver Aotearoa Regional Wine Competition 22**

**4 Stars Yvonne Lorkin, yvonnelorkin.com**