

Blackenbrook Pinot Blanc 2020

Jasmine, pear and ripe nectarine define the playful bouquet of our Pinot Blanc 2020. The weighted palate is rounded off by a whisper of sweetness and an inviting, gentle acidity.

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: What a blast! The past 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 the 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! As Covid-19 started to cast long shadows over the country, we managed to complete harvest 2020 just hours before the start of lockdown!

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



Viticulture

- Fruit from our **Home block, second crop**
- Clones GM1, GM2 and GM7
- Moutere clay soil with a layer of sandy loam
- Manual shoot thinning, leaf plucking and crop reduction
- Hand-harvested and hand-sorted on 25 March 2020, 23.9 Brix
- **Vegan wine**

Winemaking

- Extremely **gentle winemaking**: Whole bunch pressed, 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
- **7.8g/ltr** natural residual sugar
- Bottled on 16 July 2020 under screw caps, 14.5% Alc

Enjoy it with:

New Zealand crayfish, Asian stir-fry, pumpkin risotto, grilled asparagus, creamy pasta, Alsatian onion tart

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91/100 Cameron Douglas MS, camdouglasms.com

4½ Stars Michael Cooper, michaelcooperwines.com

90/100 NZ Wine Rater, winerater.co.nz

5 Stars Neil Hodgson, toptastes.co.nz

17.5 / 20 Joelle Thomson, joellethomson.com