

Blackenbrook Pinot Blanc 2021

Our Pinot Blanc 2021 is packed with white peach, jasmine and spice flavours. It's multi-layered with an incredible texture beautifully complemented by a touch of sweetness and a juicy 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: Mother Nature threw some hefty challenges at us with unsettled weather and gale-force wind in spring followed by a hail storm on Boxing Day.

The humid and cold conditions in December made pollination difficult, resulting in small bunches with far less berries than usual.

Luckily we dodged the worst of the hail storm in December and only the Pinot Noir suffered some damage.

In January the weather finally turned and the sun kept smiling down on us right into harvest. On 15 March we started picking beautifully healthy grapes of outstanding fruit concentration. Just smaller than wished for volumes...

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



Vineyard: all fruit from our home block, third crop
Clones GM1, GM2 and GM7
Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam
Extensive manual shoot thinning and leaf plucking
Hand-picked on 17 March 2021 with 23.4 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
5.5g/ltr natural residual sugar, 14.0% alcohol
bottled on 15 July 2021 under screw capsules

Food Match: Thai style steamed fish, New Zealand crayfish, pumpkin risotto, creamy pasta, grilled asparagus, Alsatian onion tart

94/100 Bob Campbell MW, therealreview.com

This aromatic variety is a close relative to pinot gris and pinot noir, with floral notes on the aroma and tree fruit and citrus characters more evident on the palate, together with vanilla, ginger and anise. Impressive purity. Made in a dry(ish) style, with a hint of phenolics on the finish.

5 Stars Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews