Blackenbrook Pinot Blanc 2022

Our Pinot Blanc 2022 is pure, refreshing and layered with jasmine, pear and spice notes. This aromatic mutation of Pinot Noir will win you over with its rich texture and beautiful balance.

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!

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



Vineyard: fruit exclusively from our home block Clones GM1, GM2 and GM7 Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam Extensive manual shoot thinning and leaf plucking Hand-picked in pristine condition on 20 March 2022 with 22.8 Brix

Winery: gentle whole bunch pressing gravity-fed from press area to main winery, cool fermentation to enhance aromatics, extended lees contact, minimal pumping, **no fining** pre-bottling.

5% oak-aged for added complexity, 8g/ltr natural residual sugar, bottled on 26 July 2022 under screw capsules, **medium-dry**, 13.5% alcohol

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

90/100 Bob Campbell MW, therealreview.com Off-dry Pinot Blanc with cream, vanilla pod, stewed apple, and subtle spice/clove characters. A little sweetness helps amplify the flavours and create a smoother texture. Attractive wine from a challenging vintage.

92/100 Cameron Douglas MS, camdouglasms.com