

# Blackenbrook Sauvignon Blanc 2023

Our Sauvignon Blanc 2023 is lively and fragrant with a captivating line of citrus and gooseberry. It delivers excellent weight and concentration, elegantly balanced with a dash of 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.



**The Season:** Our 20<sup>th</sup> year of growing grapes at Blackenbrook Vineyard!

Mother Nature gave us beautiful spring weather for flowering and pollination, setting us up for a good crop.

Summer was quite wet and the vines grew at a crazy pace. We kept mowing, trimming and leaf-plucking the fruit zone but it was a real struggle to stay on top of the phenomenal growth.

Going into harvest the fruit was clean but extremely fragile – and so were our nerves. But two weeks of stunning autumn weather was all we needed to hand-pick our biggest crop ever with beautiful ripeness and flavours – **a challenging season with a happy ending.**

**Certified vegan,**  
New Zealand Vegetarian Society



**Sustainable Production,**  
Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand

**Vineyard:** all fruit from our 22 year old home block  
Clone: Sauvignon Blanc MS  
Soil: Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam  
Extensive manual shoot thinning and leaf plucking to keep canopy healthy and dry  
**Hand-picked** on 27 March with 22.9 Brix

**Winery:** Extremely gentle winemaking  
whole bunch pressed,  
gravity-fed from press area to main winery,  
cool fermentation, extended lees contact,  
minimal pumping, **no fining** pre-bottling  
3% oak-aged for added complexity  
3.5g/ltr natural residual sugar, 13.0% alcohol  
Bottled on 19 July 2023 under screw capsules in light-weight bottles to reduce carbon footprint

**90/100 Bob Campbell MW, therealreview.com**  
Vibrant, high energy sauvignon with gooseberry, green capsicum, lime zest and lemon blossom flavours. Assertive acidity helps drive a lengthy drying finish. Great with freshly shucked oysters.

**Silver New Zealand International Wine Show 2023**