

Blackenbrook

VINEYARD

Nelson Reserve Gewürztraminer 2008

Viticulture

- Single Vineyard: Home block
- Moutere clay soil with a layer of sandy loam
- Focus on healthy soil and strong plants
- All vines grafted on site

- Young vines producing outstanding complexity
- Excellent spring weather resulted in almost perfect pollination. A warm summer brought along healthy canopy growth leading to the earliest harvest ever.
- Hand-picked and hand-sorted on 19 March with 25.6 Brix

The Diam Cork

The DIAM cork guarantees a **100% cork taint free** closure of wine bottles. These corks also offer near perfect seals and **no random cork oxidation** or leaks.

The cork is reduced to cork flour, before being washed with carbon dioxide removing TCA. Subsequently the flour is reconstituted and held together by the same polymer that contact lenses are made from.

Soul mates from the kitchen

Onion, Bacon and Ricotta Tart with garden-fresh greens, platter of blue vein and goat cheeses with figs and pears

Ideal serving temperature: 15°C

Winemaking

- Extended skin contact before pressing
- Gravity-fed from press area to main winery
- Cool fermentation, stopped at approx. 20g/ltr residual sugar
- Ageing on fine lees
- Minimal pumping
- **No fining pre-bottling**
- Bottled on 1 August 2008 under DIAM Cork
- 14.8% Alcohol

Tasting Notes

Concentrated, with great fruit purity and strong varietal characters of rose petals and Turkish Delight, this is a medium-dry style with a smooth texture and lasting finish.

The wine is built for ageing and we recommend to enjoy it between now and 2012.

Accolades

Silver from Bragato Wine Awards 2008

★★★★ ½ Michael Cooper

Beautifully perfumed, softly mouthfilling wine, harvested at 25.6 brix. Intensely varietal, with very ripe peach, lychee and spice flavours, showing lovely depth and delicacy, and a slightly sweet, well-rounded finish.

★★★★ or 91/100 from Bob Campbell MW

Intense, syrupy wine with quince, anise, liquorice and Turkish delight flavours. A powerful Gewurztraminer with a lingering finish in a medium/dry style.