

Blackenbrook Family Reserve Gewürztraminer 2019

Medium-dry in style, our Family Reserve Gewürztraminer 2019 abounds with delightful aromas of ripe pear and candied ginger, drawing you into a generous palate with an impressive texture and length.

In exceptional years we carefully select wines for our Family Reserve label. We feel they just have that extra dimension and totally deserve a black label.



Season Overview: The weather gods were on our side, giving us an exceptional growing season. With ample spring rain the vineyard was off to a strong start and quickly grew a vibrant green canopy, the powerhouse producing the energy for the new crop.

Grapevines are wind-pollinators and the dry and sunny December was perfect for a good, even fruit set.

From January right into harvest a heat wave and drought gripped Nelson Tasman. Luckily our un-irrigated vines have deep roots and managed to find sufficient water deep down in the gravelly clay soils. They thrived in the challenging conditions and gave us a beautiful crop with outstanding colour and flavours. Harvest kicked off on 8 March, the earliest we've seen it at Blackenbrook's ever.

Vegan wine, certified by the New Zealand Vegetarian Society



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

Vineyard: Fruit exclusively from our home block
Clone: GN1106
Soil: Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam
Extensive manual shoot thinning and leaf plucking
Hand-picked in pristine condition on 8 March 2019
23.9 Brix

Winery: Extremely gentle winemaking, extended skin contact before 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

12g/ltr natural residual sugar, 14.5% alcohol
Bottled on 17 July 2019 under screw capsules

Best NZ Gewurztraminer, Canvas 23 Oct 2021

This new release rolls out subtle ginger, rosewater and musky spices on the nose and unveils layers of nashi, nutmeg and poached peach on the palate. Having spent a quiet, sleepy year in bottle before release, it's soothing, dry and softly styled. **5 Stars Yvonne Lorkin**

92/100 **Cameron Douglas MS**, camdouglasms.com
4½ Stars Winestate, October 2021