

Blackenbrook Pinot Gris 2022

Our Pinot Gris has an enticing nose of pear, quince and honeysuckle with hints of almond and ginger. The palate is elegantly textured, finishing bright and refreshingly dry.

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!

Vegan wine, certified by the New Zealand Vegetarian Society



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

Vineyard: all fruit from our 21 year old home block
Clones: Mission, Larcomb, KWV 7A
Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam
extensive manual shoot thinning and leaf plucking to keep canopy healthy and dry
hand-picked on 18 March 2022 with 22.8 Brix

Winery: gentle whole bunch pressing
gravity-fed from press area to main winery,
cool fermentation, extended lees contact
minimal pumping, **no fining** pre-bottling.
5% oak-aged for added complexity,
4.2g/ltr natural residual sugar, **off-dry**,
bottled on 25 July 2022 under screw capsules, 13.5% alc

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93/100 Cameron Douglas MS, camdouglasms.com

Lovely bouquet of fresh white fleshed stone fruit, citrus and lots of white spice. There's a light lees quality and mineral notes of wet stone and clay. Crisp, salivating, refreshing and just dry on the palate. Acidity contrasts any moments of residual sweetness and with a core of ripe white fleshed orchard fruits **this wine has a lot to offer** from mouthfeel to fruit intensity, spice and finish.