

# Blackenbrook Pinot Noir 2020

Our Pinot Noir 2020 is an energetic and aromatically generous wine. It delivers layers of dark berries, spice and subtle oak in a refined style that has silky ripe tannins and a balanced structure.

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:** What a blast! The growing season was a pure delight, putting smiles on everyone's face!

The vines loved the gentle spring rain and quickly produced a healthy, vibrantly green canopy. In December, our Nelson sun made for perfect flowering and good pollination.

Summer brought many weeks of blue skies, interspersed with brief rain falls, just enough to keep the soil moisture up and the vines thriving.

We couldn't believe our luck when we saw this weather pattern continue right into harvest in mid-March! The fruit was in perfect condition with high sugar levels and tremendous flavour intensity, probably the best we've ever seen it.

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



**Vineyard:** Fruit from our 19 year old home block  
Soil: Moutere clay with a layer of sandy loam  
Clones: UCD5 & 6, 10/5, 22, 114, 115, 667, 777, Abel  
Close planting: 3780 vines/ha  
Extensive manual shoot thinning and leaf plucking to keep canopy healthy and dry  
Hand-harvested on 21 March 2020 with 23.0 Brix

**Winery:** di-stemmed before fermentation on the skins, hand-plunged, gentle pressing, gravity-fed from press area to main winery, minimal pumping  
Aged for 12 months in French oak barrels in temperature controlled barrel room, 5% new wood  
Bottled on 20 July 2021, 14.0% alcohol  
Light-weight bottles to reduce carbon footprint  
Screw capsules

**91/100 Bob Campbell MW, therealreview.com**

A delicately aromatic Pinot Noir with concentrated dark berry flavours, wood smoke, anise, dark chocolate and spicy oak flavours. **Nice purity and plenty of energy.** 01 Feb 2022

**4½ Stars Michael Cooper, michaelcooperwines.com**

Deep ruby, this Pinot Noir is a powerful young red, mouthfilling, sweet-fruited and savoury, with concentrated, ripe cherry, plum and spice flavours and a well-structured finish. Best drinking 2023+