Blackenbrook Pinot Rose 2020

The colour is a vivid dark pink, the nose intense with red currant and cranberry and the palate rich and long. It's an assertive wine you'll fall in love with! But a word of warning: it's dangerously addictive!

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 past 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!

As Covid-19 started to cast long shadows over the country, we managed to complete harvest 2020 just hours before the start of lockdown!

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

Vegan wine, certified by the **New Zealand Vegetarian Society**

Viticulture

- Moutere clay soil with a layer of sandy loam
- Close planting: 3780 to 4000 vines/ha
- **100% Pinot Noir** , Abel clone
- Hand-picked on 20 March 2020

Winemaking

- Extremely **gentle winemaking**: 48 hours cold maceration on the grape-skins, gently pressed (not saignée), gravity-fed from press area to main winery, cool fermentation, extended lees contact, minimal pumping, **no fining** pre-bottling
- Oak-ageing for 9% of the wine to add complexity
- **4.9g/ltr** natural residual sugar
- Bottled on 17 July 2020 in **light-weight bottles**
- **off-dry,** 14.0% alcohol

Reviews:
5 Stars Neil Hodgson, toptastes.co.nz
91 / 100 Cameron Douglas MS, camdouglasms.com
4 ½ Stars Michael Cooper michaelcooperwines.com