

Shangri-La Pinot Noir 2023

Nelson's intense colours and vibrancy have inspired our Shangri-La Art Label. Sunset at Mapua Wharf by well-known Nelson landscape artist Michelle Bellamy adorns our Pinot Noir label.

After twelve months in barrel, the Shangri-La Pinot Noir 2023 tantalises with perfect harmony of ripe red fruit, spice and classy French oak. Savoury earthiness and gentle tannins lead into a long finish.



The Season: Our 20th year of growing grapes at Blackenbrook Vineyard!

Mother Nature gave us beautiful spring weather for flowering and pollination, setting us up for a good crop.

Summer was quite wet and the vines grew at a crazy pace. We kept mowing, trimming and leaf-plucking the fruit zone but it was a real struggle to stay on top of the phenomenal growth.

Going into harvest the fruit was clean but extremely fragile – and so were our nerves. But two weeks of stunning autumn weather was all we needed to hand-pick our biggest crop ever with beautiful ripeness and flavours – **a challenging season with a happy ending.**

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



Vineyard:

Fruit: exclusively from our 22 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
Hand-harvested on 20 March 2023 with 23.7 Brix

Winery:

Fruit 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 (30% new oak) in temperature controlled barrel room
Bottled on 12 August 2024, 13.5% alcohol
Screw capsules, light-weight bottles to reduce carbon footprint

4 Stars Michael Cooper, michaelcooperwines.com

Ruby hued, this wine is fragrant and supple, with balanced acidity and moderately concentrated, ripe cherry, spice and nut flavours, showing very good balance and complexity. From a heavy-cropping season, it lacks the richness of a top vintage, but is savoury and harmonious.