



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
— MARLBOROUGH —

THE PIONEER

GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2013

Region: Marlborough

Winemaker: Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen

Alcohol: 14.5% **pH:** 3.7 **RS:** 19.9g/L

TA: 4.8 g/L **Brix:** 26.5

Tasting Notes

This wine is certainly not shy and retiring!. It jumps out of the glass with a complex array of fruit, floral and spice characters. The usual suspects - lychee and rose petal are present along with lemon, mango, musk, ginger and cardamom. The palate is very rich and round with a wonderful interplay between the wines sweetness, alcohol, acidity and phenolic structure. Both beautiful and delicious.

Winemaker's Notes

Harvested entirely from the winery vineyard on Alabama Road, which was planted by Ross and Barbara in the early 1980's. The soils and clone selection here allow us to produce a wine with great palate density and with complex aromatics. The wine making was very straight forward, the grapes were crushed and pressed to older French oak barriques, some barrels were inoculated, whilst the remainder were allowed to undergo fermentation with wild yeast. After fermentation the various component ferments were stopped at a point that achieved an ideal balance between the alcohol and the residual sugar, before final blending.

Viticulture Notes

The warm weather in spring meant good flowering, so we consequently shoot and fruit thinned to moderate crop levels. The summer was high in sunshine hours, moderate in temperature and low in rainfall. In many ways the ideal vintage which, allowed us to pick the grapes later in the season in great condition and with beautiful flavours.

Cellaring

We expect this wine to age very gracefully over the next five to six years

Food Match

Rich, ripe soft cheeses, Asian influenced dishes with big flavours.



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Awards & Reviews

Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide - Five stars

★★★★★

Air New Zealand Inflight Magazine - Kia Ora

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Bob Campbell MW - Five Stars - 95 points

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The Dish - FOUR STARS

★★★★

Judges comments - This is a sweeter style of Gewürztraminer that's especially golden and pretty in the glass. "I love the caramelized, honeyed notes; grilled peach, lychee and ginger on the nose," said Yvonne. "And it's super succulent on the palate". Andrew described it as " a decadent style, which has great freshness and balance".

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