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GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2016

Region: Marlborough

Winemaker: Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen

Alcohol: 14% **pH:** 3.65 **RS:** 7.5g/L

TA: 4g/L **Brix:** 23.2 - 24.9

Tasting Notes

On the nose its all rose petals and lychee with undertones of lemon and marmalade providing depth and complexity. The palate has bright flavours, exotic spice and lovely concentration. The wine has a weight and roundness whilst displaying a fine thread of acidity.

Winemaker's Notes

Our approach with this Gewürztraminer is fairly hands-off. The grapes were picked and gently pressed, the pressings were separated and fermented (15% wild) in older French oak barriques. The free run juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks with a yeast strain originally from the Alsace.

Viticulture Notes

This wine is predominantly from the Lawson's winery vineyard on Alabama Road with a small parcel from the nearby Woodward vineyard. The vines range in age between fourteen and thirty years and grow in soils with a high clay content, these factors combined with careful viticulture produce not only lovely aromatics but also great concentration. The 2016 growing season was long, warm and dry so we were able to harvest the grapes under ideal conditions

Cellaring

This wine will reward cellaring up to four years

Food Match

Vegan friendly wine - A great match with Asian flavours, try lobster with ginger or Thai red duck.



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Awards & Reviews

Michael Cooper - Five stars

★★★★★

One of the country's most impressive Gewürztraminers. Grown on the Home block and near Woodward vineyards. Mostly fermented in stainless steel tanks; a key part of the blend (about 15%) is given 'the full treatment', with a high-solids, indigenous yeast ferment in seasoned French oak barriques, malolactic fermentation and lee-stirring. The 2016 vintage is benchmark stuff, bright, light lemon/green. It is weighty and well rounded, with generous, youthful peach, pear, lychee, spice flavours and a rich, slightly sweet (7.5grams/litre of residual sugar) very harmonious finish. It's already delicious.

Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2017 - Trophy - Riedel New Zealand Champion Gewürztraminer

Marlborough Wine Show 2017 - TROPHY - Wine Brokers New Zealand trophy for Champion Gewürztraminer.

Marlborough Wine Show 2017 - Gold Medal

New World Wine Awards 2017 - Silver medal

New Zealand International Wine Show 2017 - Gold medal

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