

Wairau River Estate Gewurztraminer 2021



Region

Marlborough is by far New Zealand's largest grape growing region with more than two-thirds of all plantings. First planted in 1873 it is known in the region by the Maori name, Kei puta te Wairau meaning 'the place with the hole in the cloud' due to its very high 2,410 sunshine hours a year. High sunshine and a dry growing season help to create the famous intense flavours. Generally, plantings are in two main valleys of Wairau and Awatere. Much of the land is alluvial river basin with well-drained soils that provide an ideal for Sauvignon Blanc and clay slopes better suited Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris.

Producer

Wairau River wines take their name from the river that runs through the heart of the Marlborough wine region. (Wairau is Maori for 'many waters'). The Rose family were pioneers in planting vines in the 1970's and after originally selling the grapes to other wineries (like Cloudy Bay) they launched their own label in the early 1990's. Today their foresight has created a very successful company which remains family owned and run. Wairau River is one of the largest independent wine estates in Marlborough, and the range of elegant wines is characteristically expressive of its Marlborough roots.

Tasting Notes

Gewürztraminer is a famously grown in cool climates such as Alsace and Germany. However, in certain areas of New Zealand it flourishes and creates elegant, perfumed wines. The nose is aromatic and full of rose petals and orange rind. The perfumed aromas follow through on the palate with a touch of sweet spices to add complexity. This wine is well balanced with good weight on the palate, a refreshing acidity and good length.

Food

Gewürz in German means 'spice' and the spicy notes in this wine make it the perfect accompaniment to asian dishes.

Technical Information

Country	New Zealand
Region	Marlborough
Grape(s)	Gewürztraminer (100%)
Type	White
Style	Fruity
Oaked Style	Unoaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Off dry		
Alcohol Content	13.5%		
Closure Style	Screw cap		
Organic/Biodynamic	No		
Allergens	Milk:		No
	Egg:		No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian:		Yes
	Vegan:		Yes



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