



NELSON WÜRZER 2019

Awards

4 Stars - Michael Cooper, 'New Zealand Wines 2020' michaelcooper.co.nz 90 points - Cameron Douglas MS, 'The Shout' August 2019 90 points - Bob Campbell MW, ©The Real Review, July 2019, therealreview.com Silver - The New Zealand International Wine Show 2022

Wine Analysis

Vineyard: Seifried Redwood Valley Vineyard Sugar at Harvest: 21.3°Brix Date of Harvest: 11 March 2019 pH of Wine: 3.09 T.A of Wine: 4.6g/L Residual Sugar: 12g/L Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans: Yes

When Austrian born Hermann Seifried heard that this little known German grape variety – a cross between Gewürztraminer and Müller-Thurgau – was available in New Zealand, he leapt at the chance to get his hands on some scion wood material. According to Wikipedia there are just over 100 hectares of Würzer planted around the world, and here at Seifrieds we have 0.44 hectares, planted in 1999, and are proud to be New Zealands only Würzer producer!

The Vineyard

The unirrigated Redwood Valley vineyard is situated on a gently sloping, north-facing clay site; the vines were planted in 1999. Vertical shoot positioning helps to expose the berries to sunlight, thus getting maximum intensity and optimal ripeness.

Winemakers Note

Our Würzer has developed quite a following in the years that we have been producing it. We proudly make the only Würzer in New Zealand, with just a few rows of the fragrant grape variety on our clay-soiled Redwood Valley vineyard. The aromatic cross is only planted in very small quantities, even in its home country of Germany.

The Würzer was some of the very first fruit we harvested during the 2019 vintage. It was picked in good condition as the vintage commenced. After harvesting the grapes were de-stemmed and pressed quickly to retain the clean freshness of the variety. The clear juice was inoculated with a pure yeast strain and then a cool, temperature controlled fermentation began. The fermentation was stopped prematurely to leave some natural residual sweetness in the wine and an off dry finish.

Tasting Note

The 2019 Seifried Nelson Würzer is gorgeously fragrant and inviting on the nose. It has floral and rosewater characters, homemade marshmallow notes and summer peach flavours on the palate. Delicious!

H. Leifried

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