

# Matawhero



## Tasting Notes

## 2017 Single Vineyard Gisborne Gewürztraminer

### Vineyard Review

These grapes were sourced from the Matawhero Vineyard, the first vineyard in New Zealand to plant Gewürztraminer and the clones planted are 456 and Entav 457. Silt loams over clay soils provide ideal growing conditions for Gewürztraminer. Vertical Shoot Positioned vines were bunch thinned and leaf plucked to ensure an open canopy and a balanced crop load. This ensured full ripeness and intense flavours.

### Winemaking

The harvest decisions at Matawhero are made after the winemaker and viticulturalist concur that the grapes are flavour ready. After a challenging season in Gisborne, the Gewürztraminer grapes still exhibited wonderful intense flavours and good ripeness. The grapes are harvested while still cool, transported quickly to the winery and then crushed to the press. The crushed grapes were kept in the press for several hours to maximise the spice and floral characters of this wonderful Gisborne variety. Once slightly clarified, the juice was carefully fermented using cool temperatures and an aroma enhancing yeast to maintain these vibrant characters in the final wine. The wine was gently fined using traditional methods before being filtered and bottled.


Wine Analysis: Alcohol 13.0%    Titratable Acidity 5.96g/l    pH 3.40    Residual sugar 8.17g/L

### Wine Notes

Colour      Pale straw with hints of green.

Aroma      Exotic rose petal, clove, lychee and star anise notes.

Palate      Clean fruit-driven style, rich and full with lychee, Turkish delight, spice and ginger notes. A broad wine that persists well.

Food Match    Asian foods, blue cheese and fruit desserts.  Vegan Friendly



“History imparts  
an indelible strength  
of character on Matawhero,  
the vineyard, the wine  
and its people.”

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