



- **Country:** New Zealand
- **Region:** Marlborough
- **Subregion:** Wairau Valley
- **Vintage:** 2016
- **Colour:** White
- **Grape Variety:** Gewurztraminer
- **ABV:** 14.75%
- **Bottle Size:** 75cl
- **Closure:** Screwcap
- **Style:** Brightly aromatic and just off-dry
- **Drink With:** Asian food especially Thai dishes

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BLADEN MARLBOROUGH GEWURZTRAMINER

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This off-dry Gewurztraminer is an exceptional food wine especially for Asian dishes. Bladen Gewurztraminer is a masterpiece of wine making and they have managed to capture the essence of this aromatic grape variety par excellence. The nose has bright aromas of rose petals, ginger and other spices and lychee fruit. The palate is full bodied, textured and has oodles of ginger spice, orange peel and lychee fruit. Good to go now but also will hold up well and reward the patient after some 4 to 5 years of cellaring. Beautifully complements Thai style prawns, [click here](#) for the recipe.

This single vineyard Gewurztraminer was hand-picked on the 13th April 2016 after a near perfect summer. The bunches were pressed in the cool of the morning to protect the aromas and after a day's settling it was fermented with selected yeasts at cool temperature, again to protect the aromas. Some natural residual sugar was left after fermentation to give amplified fruit flavours and aromas and the wine has a wonderful balance between acid, sugar and alcohol.

This off-dry Gewurztraminer is luscious, irresistibly rich with aromas of Turkish delight and lychee. Hints of spice round off the lingering finish.

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ABOUT THE GROWER

With a young family and a caravan in tow, Christine and David Macdonald set off on a tour of New Zealand to find the perfect spot to plant a vineyard and to establish what would end up becoming the Bladen winery. This was back in 1989, having left behind the comfort and security of their urban lives to pursue their dreams.

They settled in Marlborough and planted their vineyard by hand, at first selling its grapes to local wineries before eventually producing their own wines under the Bladen label. Despite being one of only nine vineyards in the Marlborough region when they started out, the Macdonalds quickly built a reputation for their exceptional cool climate wines. The Bladen banner is a fitting tribute to their pioneering spirit, derived as it is from the names of their two children, Blair and Deni, who were merely toddlers when their parents took such a huge leap of faith.