



# GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2023

Main Divide is the local name for the Southern Alps and is the backbone of the South Island, where grapes for Main Divide are exclusively sourced. Vineyards have been selected for their quality and ability to express unique regional flavours.

## The Season

Settled weather during Spring resulted in successful flowering and a healthy fruit set, meaning crop thinning was needed in some areas. Good heat concentration in early to mid-Summer then allowed the grapes to ripen beautifully. The remainder of Summer and Autumn threw up a mix of hot days interspersed with cooler spells, although rain was sufficiently spread out to ensure the bunches remained healthy and disease free.

## The Harvest and Winemaking

We picked in stages from late-March to mid-April, timing each harvest to further optimise the grapes' range of natural flavours. After arrival at the winery, the fruit was crushed and then left in contact with its skin for a short time to macerate. Following pressing, the juice was transferred into old oak puncheons, where it was left to ferment naturally. The wine was then matured for approximately 3 months in these barrels prior to bottling.

## The Wine

On release the colour is lemon straw. A vibrant and perfumed bouquet enthralls the senses, tropical notes of lychee and pineapple studded with rose petals, spiced pear, lemon curd, ginger, and a hint of marzipan. The palate is lavish and multi layered, a rich mouthfeel balanced by ripe phenolics and a splash of sweetness, closing with a long, piquant tail.

Harvest Date	Ave. Brix at Harvest	Alcohol Content	R.S	T.A.	Aging Potential
23rd March - 15th April 2023	26	13.5%	12.8 g/l	3.5 g/l	Drink now

