



Seifried
FAMILY WINEMAKERS

NELSON WÜRZER 2024



Awards

91 Points (4.5 Stars) - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, November 2024

4.5 Stars - Michael Cooper, July 2024, New Zealand

Silver - The National Wine Awards of Aotearoa New Zealand 2024

Wine Analysis

Vineyard: Seifried Redwood Valley vineyard

Sugar at Harvest: 21.7°Brix

Date of Harvest: 12 March 2024

pH of Wine: 3.05

T.A of Wine: 5.9g/L

Residual Sugar: 13.8g/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 Zealand's 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.

Again in 2024, Würzer was some of the very first fruit we harvested for the season. It was picked in great 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.

2024 was simply an outstanding vintage in Nelson - in fact Hermann Seifried has commented that it is perhaps the very best vintage of his 49 seasons in the top of the South! That from a character not known for exaggeration or embellishments. A dry settled growing season meant fruit was harvested in squeaky clean condition, with perfect ripeness and flavours.

Tasting Note

The 2024 Seifried Nelson Würzer looked absolutely sensational when harvested in early March and this shines through in the glass. There are gentle delicate floral notes on the nose with peach and marshmallow. The palate is off-dry and brings ripe fruit characters and lingering clean flavours. Enjoy this cracker from a great vintage.

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