#### TERRA SANCTA ESTATE

# LATE HARVEST FIELD BLEND





#### **TASTING NOTE**

A luscious and complex late harvest blend of mature vine Gewurztraminer and Riesling, it has concentrated flavours of honeyed apricot, tropical fruits, and a hint of spice. The grapes were picked at the peak of ripeness during the winter months, resulting in a wine with a beautiful balance of sweetness and acidity. Full-bodied with a rich, silky texture and a long, lingering finish.

# **VINTAGE:** 2021

# APPELLATION:

Bannockburn Central Otago

#### VINEYARD/BLOCK:

Terra Sancta Estate: Jackson's Block & Miro's Block

#### **VARIETALS:**

Gewurztraminer (63%) and Riesling (37%)

ALCOHOL: 11%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 89 g/l

**pH**: 3.51

**TA:** 7.6g/l

**CELLAR:** drink now and/or cellar until 2026

## **VINEYARD**

Jackson's Block is home to some of the first vines planted in Banncockburn including ten rows of 1991 planted, own rooted Gewurztraminer. Miro's Block Riesling was planted in 1995. These mature, own rooted Riesling vines produce grapes possessing old vine concentration and finesse.

#### **VINTAGE**

The defining characteristic of 2021 was the excellent fruit quality. Harvest started in the final week of March however cool April temperatures slowed ripening resulting in a protracted, 6 week harvest and consequent wonderful flavour development. With very low yields - due to a cool spring which impacted flowering - a long, gradual ripening period and a dry end to harvest that extended into May and June allowed us to take the "blue moon" opportunity to make this Late Harvest wine.

# VINIFICATION

Hand picked by the Terra Sancta team on 25 June, six weeks later than the rest of the vintage, the fruit had lost  $\frac{2}{3}$  of its weight but gained great concentration. Pressed together and co-fermented at cool temperatures using wild fermentation, it was aged for six months in neutral french barriques. Unfined, it was bottled at Terra Sancta in February 2022.

### **FOOD MATCHING**

This is dessert in a bottle and to be enjoyed at the end of dinner either alone or with a mature hard cheese.