



Loveblock was forged from a love affair with a view and a challenge.

Perched right on top of the hills overlooking Marlborough's Awatere Valley, our Loveblock is far removed from the agricultural bustle in the valley below. From here you can almost see the end of the planet, the peace lifts you above your troubles. We are charged with creating the best wine we can to express this extraordinary place with its unique aspect. We follow our deeply held belief of low intervention farming which allows the wine to show its true and naked terroir.

Loveblock is our heart and soul.

## Gewurztraminer Marlborough 2014

### Vineyard Notes

The grapes for this wine come from our Loveblock Farm in the Lower Awatere sub-region of Marlborough, where the elevated and windy location challenges the vines. Dependent on vigour, the vines were cane pruned to either one or two canes and trained to vertical shoot position. The warm spring of 2013 brought ideal early growing conditions and a tip-top flowering season. The grapes were green thinned at veraison to ensure even ripening in the autumn. Due to the young nature of the vines, yields were less than two tonnes per hectare when harvested in mid-April 2014.

### Vinification

Once at the winery, the grapes were crushed, destemmed, must chilled and underwent a skin soak overnight. The juice was then drained from the skins, which were lightly pressed. After settling for 36 hours, the juice was racked, warmed and inoculated with organic yeast. A cool fermentation followed and when the wine was deemed in balance – in residual sugar, alcohol and acidity – the ferment was stopped. The wine was then stabilised, filtered and bottled in mid-February 2015.

### Tasting Notes

**Colour:** Pale gold with hints of green.

**Aroma:** Classic rosewater perfume with a hint of orange zest.

**Palate:** Hints of guava, sweet mandarin and blood orange on the palate. Finishes with good rounded texture and nice acid tension.

**Food match:** Perfect accompaniment to the spice and sweetness of Asian cuisine.

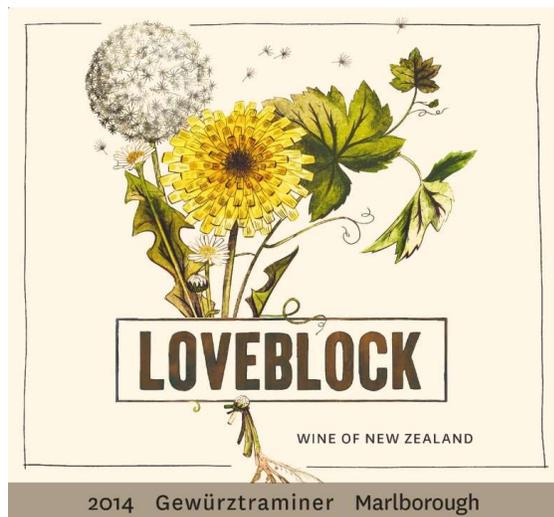
**Organic Status:** Certified organic – BioGro #5266.

**2017 NZ Organic Wine Awards:** Silver

**2017 New Zealand International Wine Show:** Bronze

**Winestate Nov/Dec 2016:** 4 Stars

**NZ Listener:** 4 Stars



### Analysis:

Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.47
TA	4.5 g/l
Residual sugar	14 g/l

**Winemaker:** Kim Crawford

**Tasted:** September 2015

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