

# BIRD

## Gewurztraminer 2007

### Marlborough • New Zealand



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**Winery Principals** Steve and Caroline Bird  
**Winemaker** Steve Bird

#### Wine Specifications

Cases imported	200
Alcohol	14.0%
T/A	0.55 g/100ml
pH	3.41
Residual Sugar	0.61 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	24.8
Cellaring	Up to 7 years
Harvest Date	August 10, 2007

#### Vineyards

##### Location

Old Schoolhouse Vineyard, Omaka Valley, Marlborough

##### Soils

Free-draining alluvial shingle sub-soils with friable clay loam topsoil.

##### Vines

VSP trellising. To get maximum exposure in the fruiting zone, shoots are thinned and leaves plucked. Two rounds of cluster thinning ensure that all the fruit is hanging free and clear. Sustainable accreditation pending.

#### Vintage

The 2007 winter brought uncharacteristically harsh frost and the weather resulted in a significant reduction in crops due to poor flowering. However, the vines benefited from a forgiving summer with almost no rain, warm days and cool nights. The fruit ripened with consummate ease and the flavors developed a level of intensity and persistence seldom seen even in New Zealand.

#### Vinification

A period of skin contact after crushing was mandatory to achieve the weight and texture desired. Long, cool fermentation allowed the elusive fruit character of this wine to come through. No oak nor malolactic fermentation.

#### Winemaker's Notes

##### Overall Impression

Exotic, full bodied, complex.

##### Bouquet

Fragrant floral approach, rose petals, spices, tropical fruit.

##### Palate

Hints of Lychee and exotic fruit, slightest touch of sweetness through the middle, finishes dry.

##### Serving Suggestions

Works well with highly fragrant, herbaceous and spicy foods such as Thai or curry dishes.

SRP US\$20.00



#### 91 Points

"The 2007 OSV Gewurztraminer is much better, with an engaging nose of rose petals, pear drops, beeswax and acacia. The palate is very well-balanced with good poise and touches of dried apricot, dried pineapple and quince on the understated finish.

Roseworthy-trained Steve Bird aka "Birdman" founded Thornbury Vineyards with his wife Caroline before setting out on his own adventure after buying the "Old Schoolhouse Vineyard" in Omaka Springs. This is a source of very natural, well-crafted wines from an experienced hand and certainly a name to watch out for in the future."

*Robert Parker's Wine Advocate April 2008*