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NMIT toasts success at the Marlborough Wine Show

NMIT is raising a glass to the outstanding achievements of two Bachelor of Viticulture and Winemaking ākongā (learners) at the recent 2024 Marlborough Wine Show.

First-year student Lindis McMurray has struck Gold with her Albariño, while second-year student Emma Thompson uncorked a Bronze medal with her Gewurztraminer.

Emma's Gewurztraminer stood out for its distinctive lanoline aroma, quinine hints, moderate length, and a fruit-driven style with a touch of phenolic complexity. Meanwhile, Lindis's Albariño impressed the judges with its high floral and citrus aromatics, plush fruit character, and great weight.

"I thought it tasted delicious," says Lindis. "But I can't believe I was awarded a Gold. It's such an amazing feeling!"

The 2024 Marlborough Wine Show, sponsored by QuayConnect, is a regional wine competition run by Wine Marlborough Ltd.

As Marlborough produces approximately 80% of New Zealand's wine and the wine industry accounting for one in five jobs in the Marlborough region, the Marlborough Wine Show is an excellent opportunity for producers to benchmark their wines against others in the region.

Lindis's student entry stood alongside well-known brands such as *Yealands*, *Brancott Estate* and *Wairau River* in the 2024 Gold Medal section, which heavily favoured Sauvignon Blanc varieties due to the outstanding vintage this year.

Lindis chose to study at NMIT because the Marlborough region is renowned for its vineyards and winemaking. She spent the last decade climbing the ranks in the culinary world and has never worked in a winery.



“I have always been passionate about wine. I wanted to experience Marlborough and be involved in this community,” she says.

For both Lindis and Emma, the accolades from such a relevant and credible show serve as an incredible opportunity as they are poised to crush it in New Zealand’s vibrant wine industry.

Cheers to the next generation of winemakers!

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