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2019 COMELYBANK VINEYARD PINOT ROSE

VARIETY

76% pinot noir, 24% pinot gris.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown by Jeff & Vanessa Hammond
at Comelybank Vineyard.

LOCALITY

Waihopai Valley, Marlborough,
New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.50%
Residual sugar	<1 g/l
Total acidity	5.0 g/l
pH	3.46

VITICULTURE

Climate: The 2018-2019 growing season was warm and dry, with a shorter period between budburst and harvest than typical. Drought conditions prevailed pre-harvest, and some timely rain towards the end helped vine health and grape flavour development. Berry size was smaller and bunch weight less than the previous two seasons, and crop loads were well balanced to soils and vine vigour.

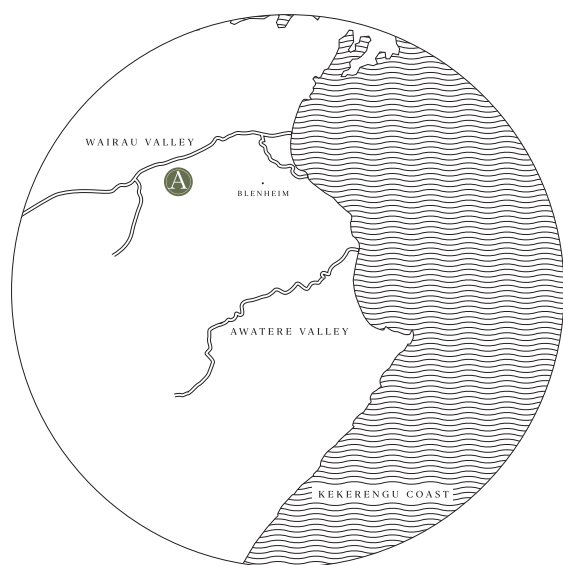
Soils: Well drained stony alluvium soils, and some imperfectly drained loams from the undissected older terraces.

Vine Management: Standard trellis, with pruning to two to four canes and vertical shoot positioning. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked and lightly leaf plucked.

Harvest Date: Between 18th March and 24th March, 2019.

WINEMAKING

The pinot noir was machine harvested and allowed a short period of skin contact before the free-run juice was drawn off, settled briefly and fermented with light solids at cool temperature. The pinot gris was hand-picked and whole cluster pressed, and clear juice was combined with the pinot noir ferment. Bottled 27th June, 2019.



Simon Waghorn, Winemaker
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