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# ASTROLABE

## 2016

### WREKIN VINEYARD

### PINOT NOIR

#### VARIETY

100% pinot noir, clones 777, 10/5, Abel, 114, 115 and 667.

#### GRAPEGROWERS

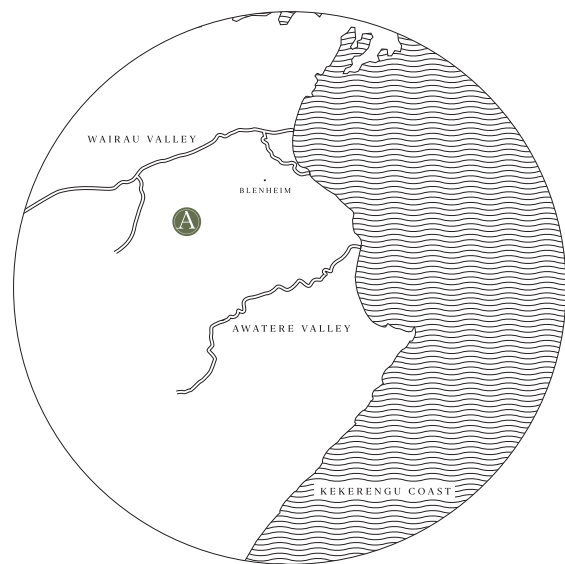
Grown at Wrekin Vineyard  
by Jan and Andrew Johns.

#### LOCALITY

Upper Brancott Valley, Southern Valleys,  
Marlborough, New Zealand.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	14.00%
Residual sugar	< 1 g/l
Total acidity	5.3 g/l
pH	3.43



#### VITICULTURE

**Climate:** Another very warm and dry season — the second driest and the warmest since winegrowing commenced in Marlborough. Rain in January helped to size-up the berries to be larger than normal, despite the otherwise dry season. Warmth over the harvest months lowered the acid in the fruit at harvest.

**Soils:** The soils, based on glacial outwash, are some of the oldest in the province and range from deep loams to tight clays on a steeply sloping hillside.

**Vine Management:** Standard trellis with pruning to two canes and vertical shoot positioning. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked, and leaf plucking is minimal. Cluster thinning is used to ensure light crops and evenly ripened and balanced fruit.

**Harvest Date:** Between the 8th and 14th April, 2016.

#### WINEMAKING

Hand-picked single block, destemmed, cold soaked for six days, fermented wild, post-fermented for seven days to integrate tannins. Aged in French oak barrels, 33% new, for 10 months, where it underwent natural malolactic fermentation. Selected barrels were blended and aged for an additional 10 months. Bottled 21st December, 2017.

Simon Waghorn - Winemaker  
Waghorn Family Wines