



# ASTROLABE

## 2019

### KEKERENGU COAST

### ALBARIÑO

#### VARIETY

100% albariño.

#### GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Sleepers Vineyard  
by Chris and Lynne Wilson.

#### LOCALITY

Kekerengu Coast, Marlborough, New  
Zealand.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	12.00%
Residual sugar	2.3 g/l
Total acidity	6.4 g/l
pH	3.39

#### 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.

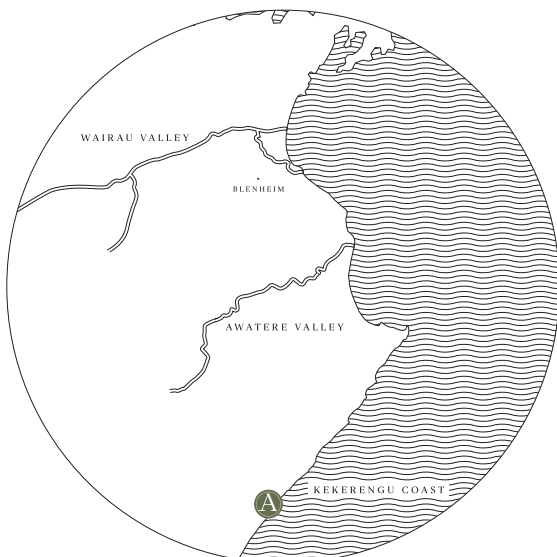
**Soils:** A slightly elevated river terrace of deep silt loam interspersed with fragmented limestone.

**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, evenly ripened and balanced fruit

**Harvest Date:** 16th April, 2019.

#### WINEMAKING

Hand-picked and whole bunch pressed. Fermented on grape solids with a selected yeast strain, and aged on lees. Half was fermented and aged in a stainless steel tank and the other portion in old French oak barriques which went through malolactic fermentation with barrel stirring. Bottled 18th September, 2019.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker  
Waghorn Family Wines