



ASTROLABE

2016

SLEEPERS VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

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VARIETY

100% pinot noir.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Sleepers Vineyard
by Chris and Lynne Wilson.

LOCALITY

Kekerengu Coast, Marlborough,
New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.50%
Residual sugar	< 1 g/l
Total acidity	4.9 g/l
pH	3.67

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.

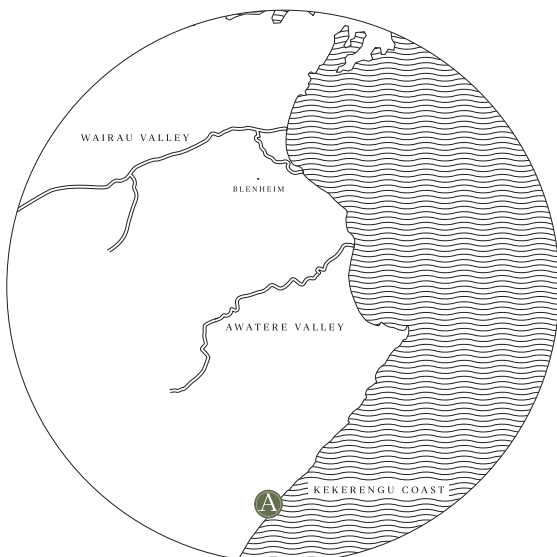
Soils: Elevated river terrace of deep silt loam interspersed with fragmented limestone.

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 and evenly ripened and balanced fruit.

Harvest Date: 16th April, 2016.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked, destemmed, cold soaked for 7 days, wild fermented with vineyard selected yeasts in small open fermenters. Gently hand plunged. A portion of the wine finished ferment in barrel to add further complexity. The balance was post-ferment macerated for 8 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 in older French oak. Bottled 21st December, 2017.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
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