



ASTROLABE

2017

WREKIN VINEYARD

CHENIN BLANC

VARIETY

100% chenin blanc.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Wrekin Vineyard
by Jan and Andrew Johns.

LOCALITY

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

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.00%
Residual sugar	1.9 g/l
Total acidity	6.6 g/l
pH	3.24

VITICULTURE

Climate: The growing season was warmer than usual and made tricky by two heavy rain events followed by extended moist conditions that necessitated a rushed harvest. Because of the low cropping levels, the grapes were ripe and ready to harvest before the rain had caused any deterioration in fruit quality, leading to typical flavour and aromas in the wine.

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

Vine Management: Standard trellis with pruning to two canes with vertical shoot positioning, and some cluster thinning. The vines were in their eighth year of harvest.

Harvest Date: 18th April, 2017.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-picked, whole cluster pressed, and only the cuveé juice retained for fermentation in stainless steel and old barrels. The combination of cultured and wild yeast, fermentation on light grape solids and lees stirring has added texture to the palate, and interesting complexity to the nose. The delicate fruit handling has given the wine a racy and crisp structure. Bottled 6th September, 2017.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines