



ASTROLABE

2021

KĒKERENGŪ COAST

PINOT GRIS

VARIETY

pinot gris.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Sleepers Vineyard
by Chris and Lynne Wilson.

LOCALITY

Kēkerengū Coast, Marlborough,
New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.00%
Residual sugar	2.4 g/l
Total acidity	6.1 g/l
pH	3.25

VITICULTURE

Climate: The 2020–2021 growing season was warmer than normal, though cooler than two of the recent very warm years of vintages 2018 and 2019. Little rain fell from December to late March, and water deficit conditions prevailed. Cold and wet Spring flowering conditions resulted in fewer berries per bunch and significantly reduced yields — about 70% of normal. Above average sunshine and heat, coupled with the light crop, gave a record early harvest. The vine canopies survived the arid weather, largely due to the light fruit load, and fungal disease was largely non-existent. Wines from the vintage tend to have good concentration.

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

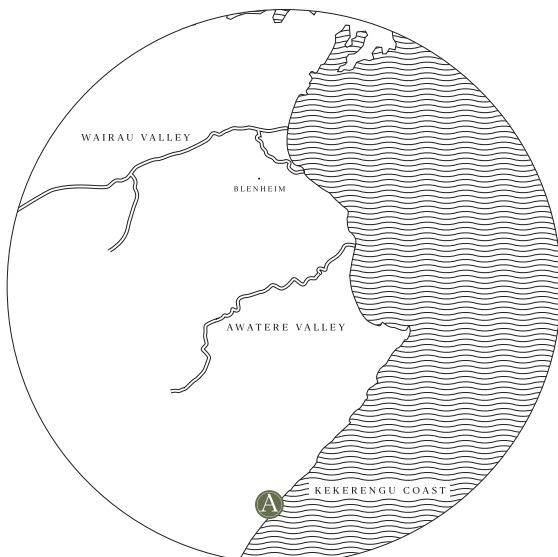
Vine Management: Standard trellis with vertical shoot positioning, pruned to two to four canes. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked and lightly leaf plucked.

Harvest Date: 22nd March, 2021.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand harvested and whole-cluster pressed to minimize phenolic extraction. Only free-run juice was used and fermented with full grape solids at low temperature to retain the subtle flavours and to impart a rounder texture.

Bottled 15th July, 2021.



Simon Waghorn, Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines