



ASTROLABE

2019

WREKIN VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

VARIETY

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

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Wrekin Vineyard
by Jan and Andrew Johns.

LOCALITY

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

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	14.0%
Residual sugar	< 1 g/l
Total acidity	4.9 g/l
pH	3.61

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: 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 14th and 26th March, 2019.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked, destemmed, cold soaked for six days, fermented wild. Aged in French oak barrels, 33% new, for 10 months, where it underwent natural malolactic fermentation. Selected barrels were then blended and aged for an additional seven months. Bottled 21st July, 2020.




Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines