



ASTROLABE

2019

AWATERE VALLEY

SAUVIGNON BLANC

VARIETY

100% sauvignon blanc.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown in the vineyards of the Lissaman and Jones families.

LOCALITY

Awatere Valley, Marlborough,
New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.50%
Residual sugar	<1 g/l
Total acidity	6.5 g/l
pH	3.33

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.

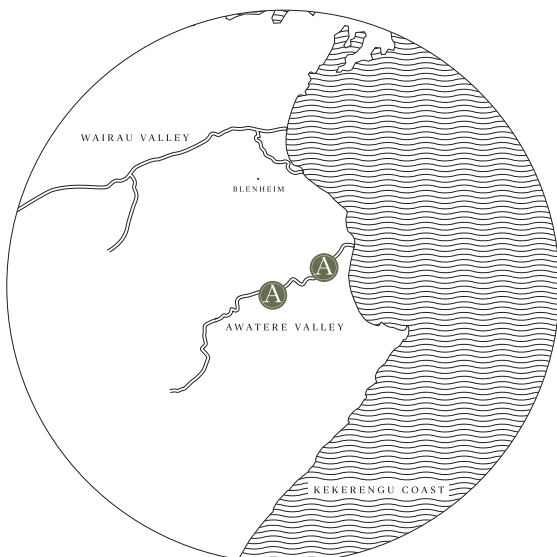
Soils: Grown on gently undulating well drained deep silt loams, and moderately deep sandy loams of greywacke alluvium.

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

Harvest Date: Between 19th March and 7th April, 2019.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was machine harvested in cool evening conditions, de-stemmed and lightly pressed with minimal skin contact. Clear, cold-settled juice was fermented in stainless steel vats at low temperatures, using neutral wine yeast strains to allow the powerful fruit flavours to dominate. Bottled 30th September, 2019.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines