



# ASTROLABE

## 2019

### KEKERENGU COAST

### SAUVIGNON BLANC

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#### VARIETY

100% sauvignon blanc.

#### GRAPEGROWERS

Grown in the vineyards of the Wilson and Trolove families.

#### LOCALITY

Kekerengu Coast, Marlborough,  
New Zealand.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.00%
Residual sugar	<1 g/l
Total acidity	6.4 g/l
pH	3.42

#### 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.

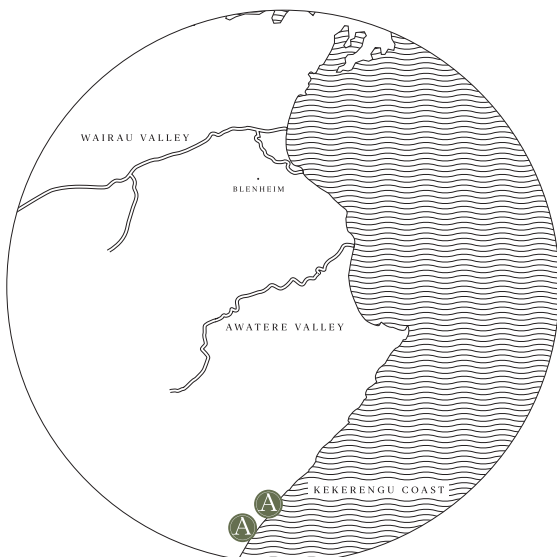
**Soils:** Free-draining stony, silty loam with some limestone.

**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:** 9th to 15th April, 2019.

#### WINEMAKING

The fruit was machine harvested in cool conditions, de-stemmed and lightly pressed with minimal skin contact. Clear, cold-settled juice was fermented in stainless steel vats at low temperature and using neutral yeast strains to allow the powerful fruit flavours to dominate. A small portion of hand-picked, whole-cluster pressed, high solids, wild barrel ferment was blended in to add subtle texture and complexity. Bottled 15th August, 2019.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker  
Waghorn Family Wines