



ASTROLABE

2019

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	14.00%
Residual sugar	2.3 g/l
Total acidity	5.3 g/l
pH	3.25

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

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, evenly ripened and balanced fruit.

Harvest Date: 28th to 30th April, 2019.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was handpicked, 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 19th December, 2019.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines