



ASTROLABE

2020

COMELYBANK VINEYARD

PINOT ROSE

VARIETY

83% pinot noir, 17% pinot gris.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown by Jeff & Vanessa Hammond
at Comelybank Vineyard.

LOCALITY

Waihopai Valley, Marlborough,
New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.0%
Residual sugar	1.3 g/l
Total acidity	5.1 g/l
pH	3.45

VITICULTURE

Climate: The 2019-2020 growing season was a little above average for temperature and growing degree days but cooler than the previous three seasons, which were all very high. The season was very dry, with only 43 mm (1.7 inches) of rain from 21 December to the end of harvest on 9 April. Budburst was five or six days early, and so was flowering. The dry season resulted in harvest coming in about ten days earlier than long term average. Where there was groundwater or drip irrigation, vines enjoyed good health and disease pressure was nil.

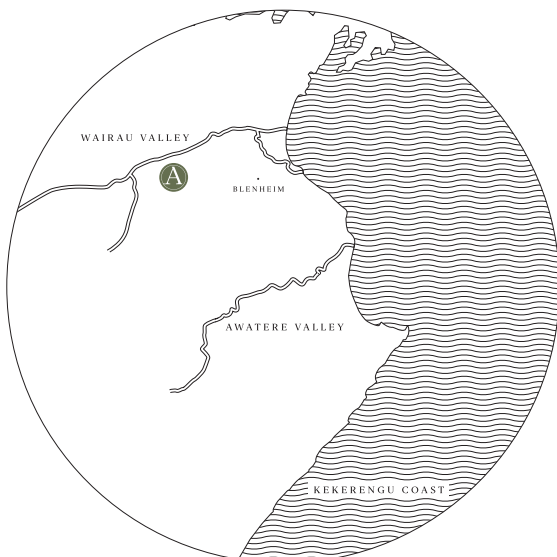
Soils: Well drained stony alluvium soils, and some imperfectly drained loams from the undissected older terraces.

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 23rd March and 29th March, 2020.

WINEMAKING

The pinot noir was machine harvested and allowed a short period of skin contact before the free-run juice was drawn off, settled briefly and fermented with light solids at cool temperature. The pinot gris was hand-picked and whole cluster pressed, and clear juice was combined with the pinot noir ferment. Bottled 10th September, 2020.




Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines