



ASTROLABE

2018

KEKERENGU COAST

PINOT GRIS

VARIETY

100% pinot gris.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Sleepers Vineyard
by Chris and Lynne Wilson.

LOCALITY

Kekerengu Coast, Marlborough,
New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	12.50%
Residual sugar	2.5 g/l
Total acidity	6.1 g/l
pH	3.43

VITICULTURE

Climate: The 2017-2018 growing season was the warmest since the first grapes were planted in Marlborough in 1973. Temperatures were 1.1 degrees over the long-term average. It was wetter than normal January through March and made tricky by three extended rain events. A dry period between late February and late March helped the grapes get through in reasonable condition, and the health of the canopies ensured good flavour development.

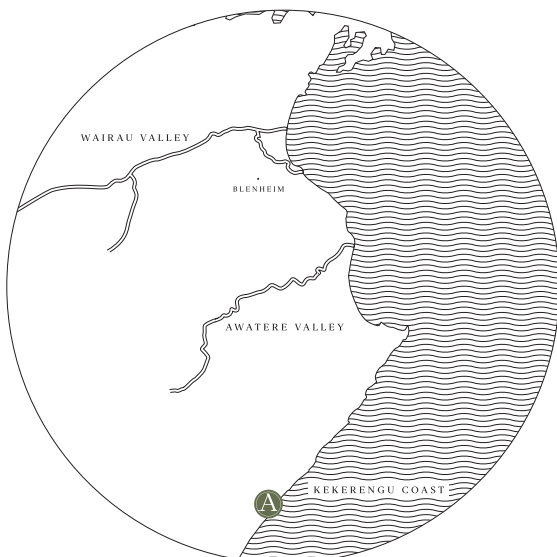
Soils: A slightly elevated river terrace of deep silt loam interspersed with fragmented limestone.

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: 2nd April and 5th April, 2018.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand harvested and whole-cluster pressed to minimize phenolic extraction. Only free-run juice was used and fermented with full grape solids at low temperature to retain the subtle flavours and to impart a rounder texture. Bottled 29th November, 2018.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines