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SOUTHERN VALLEYS

SEC CHENIN BLANC

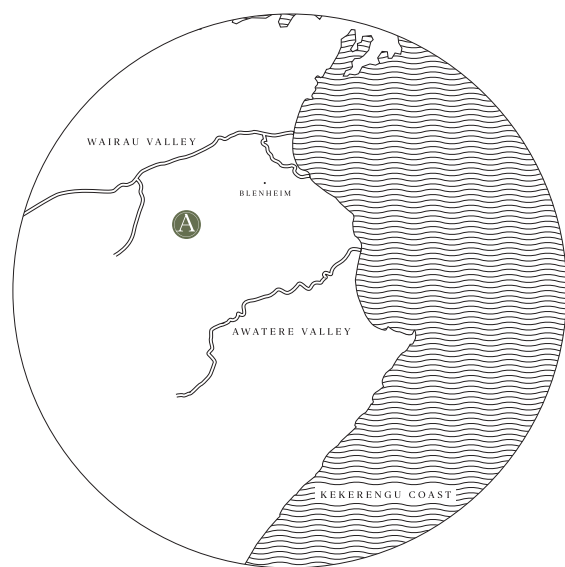
VARIETY
chenin blanc

GRAPEGROWERS
Grown at Wrekin Vineyard
by Jan and Andrew Johns.

LOCALITY
Wrekin Valley, Southern Valleys,
Marlborough, New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.5%
Residual sugar	5.8 g/l
Total acidity	6.7 g/l
pH	3.27



VITICULTURE

Climate: An early budburst with warm weather through to a dry and sunny November. Rains in October and December set up the canopy for strong growth with some issues with fungal diseases. January was dry and helped reduce the mildew pressure. High February rain fall caused some botrytis issues while giving a helpful boost to the canopies. Berries sized-up with the available water, and the yields were enhanced. Although the vineyards were delicately poised regarding botrytis pressures, a dryish March and April allowed our fruit to attain targets for flavour and maturity in good condition.

Soils: Some of the oldest in Marlborough, tight clays based on glacial outwash. The chenin block has a steep clay hillside with a northern aspect.

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: The 6th and 7th of April, 2022.

WINEMAKING

The organically grown fruit was hand-picked and whole-cluster pressed and then tank fermented on light solids in stainless steel, using cultured yeast. The ferment was stopped before completion to retain sugar and balance the crisp acidity of the variety and the low pH from the extraction method. The resulting wine is long, fresh and drinkable, with a light spritziness to highlight the freshness of the style.

Bottled 21st June, 2022.

Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines