



ASTROLABE

2020

WREKIN

PINOT NOIR

VARIETY

pinot noir

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Wrekin Vineyard
by Jan and Andrew Johns.

LOCALITY

Wrekin Valley, Southern Valleys,
Marlborough, New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.8
Residual sugar	<1 g/l
Total acidity	5 g/l
pH	3.52

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. Condition and health of the canopies ensured good flavour development.

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: Between the 20th of March and the 7th of April, 2020.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked, destemmed, cold soaked for six days, fermented wild. Aged in French oak barrels, 33% new, for 10 months, where it underwent natural malolactic fermentation. Selected barrels were then blended and aged for an additional four months.

Bottled 14th July, 2021.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines