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2021

KĒKERENGŪ COAST

ALBARIÑO

VARIETY
albariño

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Sleepers Vineyard by Chris and Lynne Wilson.

LOCALITY

Kēkerengū Coast, Marlborough,
New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	12%
Residual sugar	<1 g/l
Total acidity	6.7 g/l
pH	3.55

VITICULTURE

Climate: The 2020–2021 growing season was warmer than normal, though cooler than two of the recent very warm years of vintages 2018 and 2019. Little rain fell from December to late March, and water deficit conditions prevailed. Cold and wet Spring flowering conditions resulted in fewer berries per bunch and significantly reduced yields — about 70% of normal. Above average sunshine and heat, coupled with the light crop, gave a record early harvest. The vine canopies survived the arid weather, largely due to the light fruit load, and fungal disease was largely non-existent. Wines from the vintage tend to have good concentration.

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

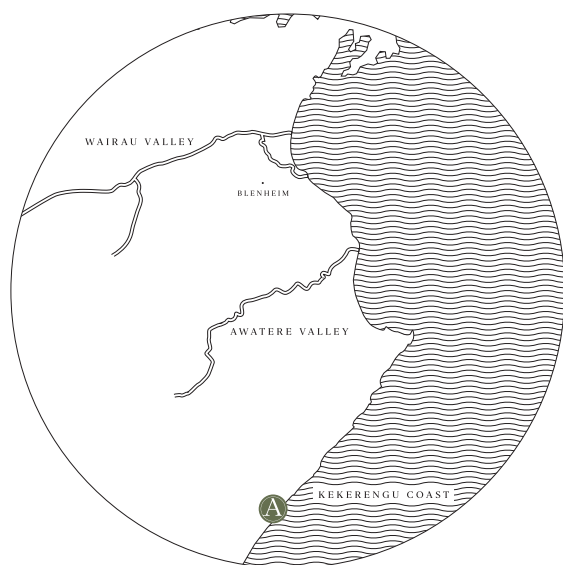
Vine Management: Standard trellis with pruning to two canes and vertical shoot positioning. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked, and leaf plucking is minimal. Cluster thinning is used to ensure light crops, evenly ripened and balanced fruit.

Harvest Date: The 15th of April, 2021.

WINEMAKING

Hand picked and whole bunch pressed. Fermented on grape solids with a selected yeast strain, and aged on lees. Half was fermented and aged in a stainless steel tank and the other portion in old French oak barriques which went through malolactic fermentation with barrel stirring.

Bottled 1st December, 2021.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
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