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CHENIN BLANC

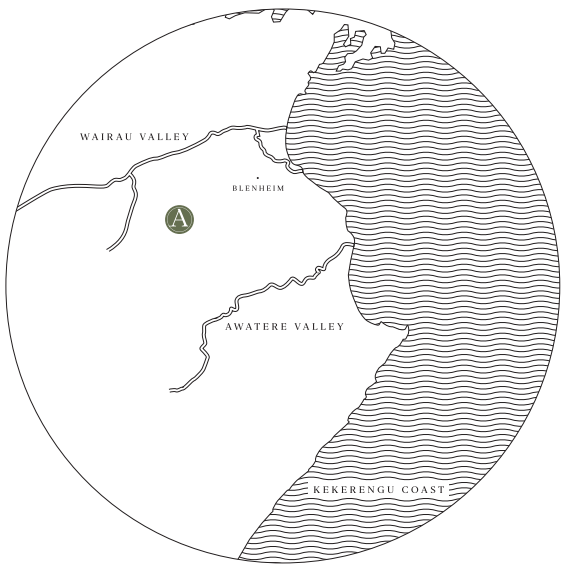
VARIETY
chenin blanc

GRAPEGROWERS
Grown at Wrekin Vineyard
by Jan and Andrew Johns.

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

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13%
Residual sugar	5.4 g/l
Total acidity	6.3 g/l
pH	3.13



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: 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 30th of March and 6th April, 2021.

WINEMAKING
The fruit was hand-picked, whole cluster pressed, and only the cuveé juice was retained for fermentation in stainless steel. Fermentation on light grape solids. The delicate fruit handling has given the wine a racy and crisp structure.

Bottled 15th September, 2021.


Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines