



ASTROLABE

2020

COMELYBANK VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

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VARIETY

100% pinot noir.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown by Jeff & Vanessa Hammond
at Comelybank Vineyard.

LOCALITY

Waihopai Valley, Marlborough,
New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.5%
Residual sugar	<1. g/l
Total acidity	4.4 g/l
pH	3.87

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.

Soils: Well drained stony alluvium soils, and some imperfectly drained loams from the undissected older terraces.

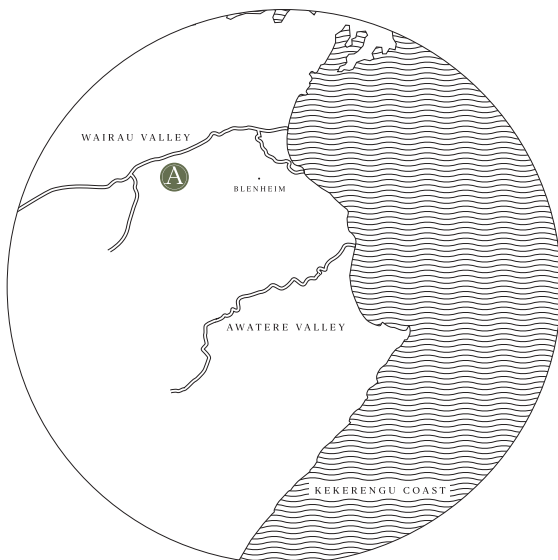
Vine Management: Standard trellis, with pruning to two canes and vertical shoot positioning. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked and lightly leaf plucked. Clones 777 and 667.

Harvest Date: 26th March 2020

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked fruit was de-stemmed, crushed and cold soaked for five days then fermented at warm temperature with wild yeast in small open-top vats with 30% whole-bunch. Traditional submerging of the 'cap' by hand-plunging was followed by a light pressing. The pinot noir was then aged in French oak barriques for 16 months.

Bottled 14th July 2021



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines