



# ASTROLABE

## 2017

# ASTROLABE FARM

# RIESLING

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#### VARIETY

100% riesling.

#### GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Astrolabe Farm by the Waghorn family.

#### LOCALITY

Grovetown, Marlborough, New Zealand.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	10.50%
Residual sugar	32 g/l
Total acidity	7.5 g/l
pH	3.04

#### VITICULTURE

**Climate:** The growing season was warmer than usual and made tricky by two heavy rain events followed by extended moist conditions that necessitated a rushed harvest. Because of the low cropping levels, the grapes were ripe and ready to harvest before the rain had caused any deterioration in fruit quality, leading to typical flavour and aromas in the wine.

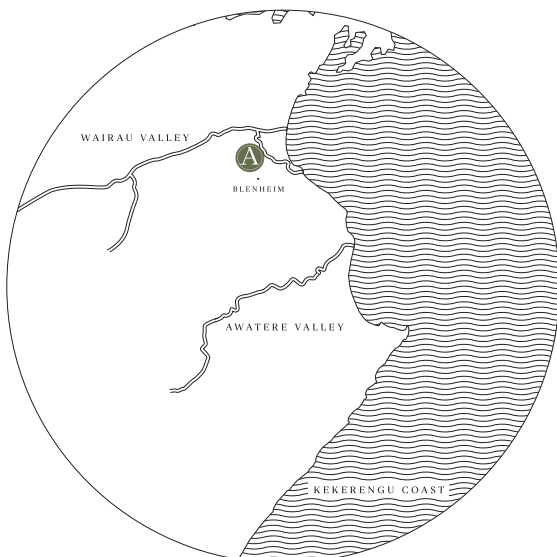
**Soils:** Free-draining silty loam.

**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 and evenly ripened and balanced fruit.

**Harvest Date:** 15th and 17th April, 2017.

#### WINEMAKING

I took care to avoid phenolic extraction, with half the grapes handpicked and whole-cluster pressed, and only free run juice used in the winemaking. I fermented on light grape solids at cool temperature, stopping the ferment early to retain a low alcohol and medium sweetness held in balance by crisp acidity. Bottled 13th September, 2017.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker  
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