



# ASTROLABE

## 2021 MARLBOROUGH ROSÉ

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### VARIETY

55% pinot noir, 45% pinot gris.

### GRAPEGROWERS

Grown in the vineyards of the Lissaman, van Asch and Wilson families.

### LOCALITY

Awatere Valley (87%) and Kēkerengū Coast (13%), Marlborough, New Zealand.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.00%
Residual sugar	<1 g/l
Total acidity	5.3 g/l
pH	3.44

### 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:** Free-draining silty loam, some with fragmented limestone.

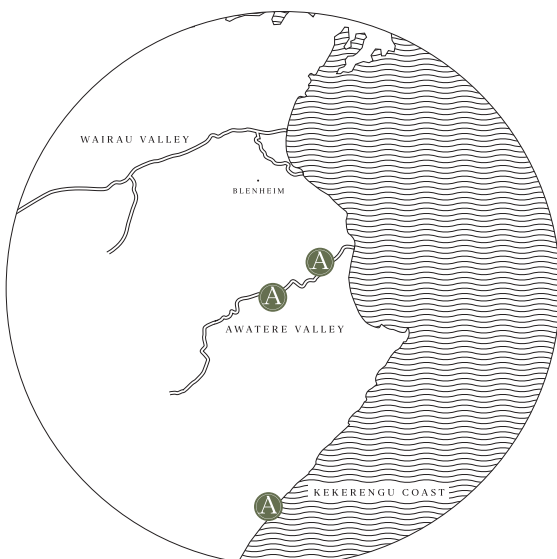
**Vine Management:** Standard trellis with pruning to two canes and vertical shoot positioning. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked, with minimal leaf plucking. Extensive fruit thinning enhances concentration of flavour.

**Harvest Date:** Between 4th and 15th March, 2021.

### WINEMAKING

The pinot noir was machine harvested on a cool morning in the Awatere valley and pressed immediately on arrival to the winery. The colour comes from the short period of maceration between the vineyard and winery. The pinot gris was machine harvested, and clear free run juice was combined with the pinot noir ferment.

Bottled 23rd June, 2021.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker  
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