



ASTROLABE

2019

SLEEPERS VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

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VARIETY

100% pinot noir: clones 777, clone 5 (Pommard), 667 and 10/5.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Sleepers Vineyard by Chris and Lynne Wilson.

LOCALITY

Kekerengu Coast, Marlborough, New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.0%
Residual sugar	< 1 g/l
Total acidity	4.5 g/l
pH	4.1

VITICULTURE

Climate: The 2018-2019 growing season was warm and dry, with a shorter period between budburst and harvest than typical. Drought conditions prevailed pre-harvest, and some timely rain towards the end helped vine health and grape flavour development. Berry size was smaller and bunch weight less than the previous two seasons, and crop loads were well balanced to soils and vine vigour.

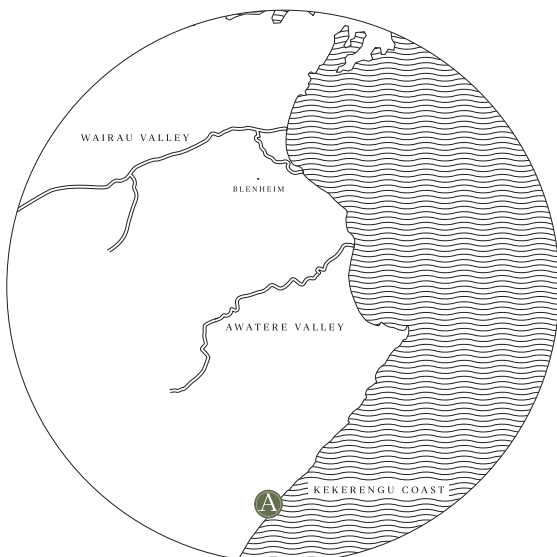
Soils: Elevated river terrace of deep silt loam interspersed with fragmented limestone.

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 and evenly ripened and balanced fruit.

Harvest Date: 5th April, 2019.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked, destemmed, cold soaked for seven days and wild fermented in small open fermenters. Gently hand plunged. Aged in French oak barrels, 33% new, for 10 months, where it underwent natural malolactic fermentation. Selected barrels were blended and aged for an additional seven months in older French oak. Bottled 21st July, 2020.




Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
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