



ASTROLABE

2018

WAIRAU VALLEY

PINOT NOIR

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VARIETY

100% pinot noir.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown in the vineyards of the Hammond, Johns, Lissaman and Waghorn families.

LOCALITY

Wairau Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.00%
Residual sugar	<1 g/l
Total acidity	4.2 g/l
pH	3.82

VITICULTURE

Climate: The 2017-2018 growing season was the warmest since the first grapes were planted in Marlborough in 1973. Temperatures were 1.1 degrees over the long-term average. It was wetter than normal January through March and made tricky by three extended rain events. A dry period between late February and late March helped the grapes get through in reasonable condition, and the health of the canopies ensured good flavour development.

Soils: Chiefly tight clays, with some stony alluvium and moderately well drained sandy loams.

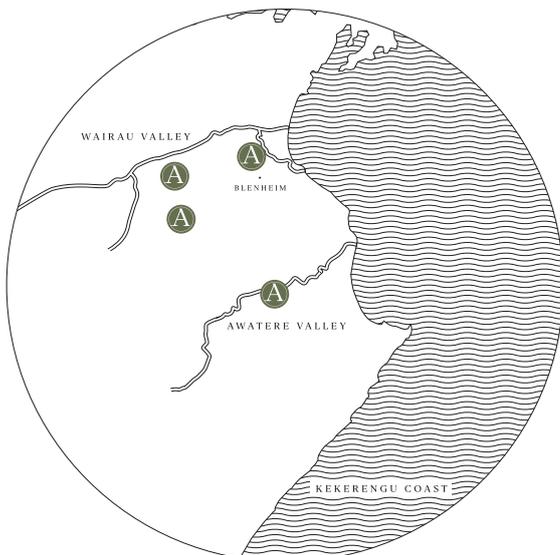
Vine Management: Standard trellis with vertical shoot positioning, pruned to two canes. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked, leaf plucked and cluster-thinned for balance.

Harvest Date: Between 19th March and 7th April, 2018.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was either hand-harvested or machine harvested, then destemmed into open vats for cold soak followed by a warm wild ferment. Traditional hand-plunging was used to manage the cap, and the wine underwent malolactic fermentation while ageing in French oak barrels.

Bottled 21st March, 2019.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines