



ASTROLABE

2018

WREKIN VINEYARD

LATE HARVEST CHENIN BLANC

VARIETY

100% chenin blanc.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Wrekin Vineyard
by Jan and Andrew Johns.

LOCALITY

Upper Brancott Valley, Southern Valleys,
Marlborough, New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	11.50%
Residual sugar	108 g/l
Total acidity	7.3 g/l
pH	3.74

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: A slightly 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, evenly ripened and balanced fruit.

Harvest Date: 26th April, 2018.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-picked and gently whole-cluster pressed. Fermentation was in stainless steel, with cultured yeast. Bottled 22nd August, 2018.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines