



ASTROLABE

2023

WREKIN

CHENIN BLANC

VARIETY

Chenin blanc

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Wrekin vineyard
by the Johns family.

LOCALITY

Southern Valleys (100%), Marlborough,
New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.0%
Residual sugar	6 g/l
Total acidity	7.1 g/l
pH	3.25

VITICULTURE

Climate: After a wet winter, spring was drier and warmer than normal, but regular rain events kept vines growing and in good health. Budburst was very good, and bunch numbers per vine were ahead of the long-term average. Through late spring and summer wet and humid conditions prevailed, and the outlook was for a difficult harvest period with high fungal disease potential. Late summer and autumn were very good, with sunny and dry weather that helped the harvest come through in very good condition and about a week later than recent seasons.

Soils: Some of the oldest in Marlborough, tight clays based on glacial outwash. The chenin block has a steep clay hillside with a northern aspect.

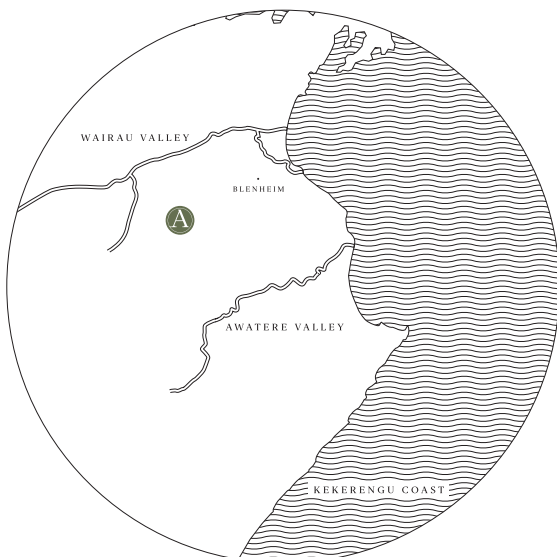
Vine Management: Standard trellis, with pruning to two to four canes, and vertical shoot positioning. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked and lightly leaf plucked.

Harvest Date: The 5th of April, 2023.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-picked, whole cluster pressed, and only the cuveé juice retained for fermentation in stainless steel and old barrels. The combination of cultured and wild yeast, fermentation on light grape solids and lees stirring has added texture to the palate, and interesting complexity to the nose. The delicate fruit handling has given the wine a racy and crisp structure.

Bottled 22nd August, 2023.




Simon Waghorn, Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines