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2024 SOUTHERN VALLEYS SAUVIGNON BLANC

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VARIETY

Sauvignon blanc

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Beacon Hill vineyard
by the Hammond family.

LOCALITY

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

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	14.0%
Residual sugar	1.3 g/l
Total acidity	6.7 g/l
pH	3.1

VITICULTURE

Climate: Mean temperatures were average to well above average from September through to February 2024, with accumulated growing degree days over 10% higher than normal. Over the same period, rainfall was only 46% of normal, and soil water deficit was 46% higher. These dry conditions, and fewer berries on the bunches, meant fruit was entirely free of fungal disease at harvest. Lower bunch numbers and bunch weights lead to the harvest being amongst the smallest over the last ten years. The light crops helped the canopies survive the dry, and fruit flavour was excellent.

Soils: Well drained stony alluvium soils and some imperfectly drained loams from the undissected older terraces.

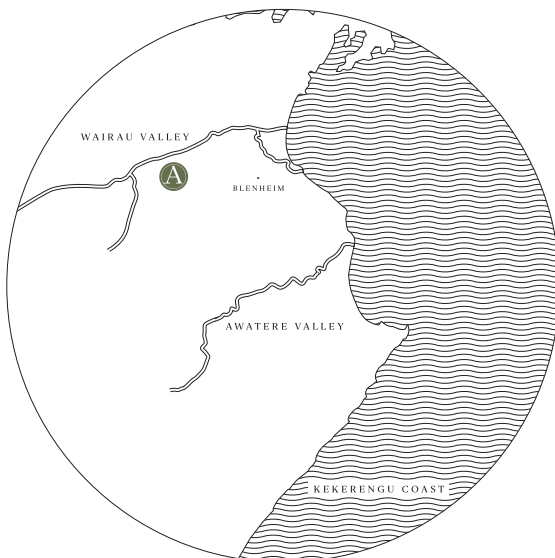
Vine Management: Standard trellis, with pruning to two canes and vertical shoot positioning. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked and lightly leaf plucked. From young vines in their first productive year, which for Sauvignon blanc often delivers more intense fruit.

Harvest Date: The 12th of March, 2024.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-picked, whole cluster pressed and only the cuvée juice used. The wine spent nine months maturing in old oak puncheons, two months in a new large ovoid foudre and finished its maturation with a further four months settling on fine lees in stainless steel.

Bottled 14th August, 2025.



Simon Waghorn, Winemaker
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