

# ASTROLABE KEKERENGU COAST SAUVIGNON BLANC

2017 VINTAGE

**96 points "EXCELLENT"**

GOLD "TOP RANK"



**#1 tasted 2017 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc**

"Intense, powerful sauvignon blanc with taut lemongrass, oyster shell, mineral and gooseberry flavours. Delicious wine with impressive purity. Dry with a perfect balance of acidity that helps drive a lengthy finish."

Bob Campbell Master of Wine November 5th, 2018

**4½ stars "EXCELLENT"**

SILVER



"Grown at Kekerengu, south of the Awatere Valley, the 2017 vintage (4.5\*) was mostly handled in tanks, but 15 per cent of the blend was fermented and matured in French oak barrels. Bright, light lemon/green, it has fresh, herbaceous aromas, showing some complexity. Fresh and mouthfilling, it is punchy, with incisive, slightly nettley flavours, appetising acidity, a mineral streak, and a fully dry, lingering finish."

Michael Cooper New Zealand Wines: Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide 2019

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"Intense, vibrant sauvignon blanc with sea air, mineral, gooseberry, lime and passionfruit flavours. A distinctive wine that gives a strong sense of place. Accessible now but should become even more interesting with age."

Bob Campbell Master of Wine October 27th, 2017

**GOLD MEDAL**

Six Nations Wine Challenge  
2018



**4½ stars "EXCELLENT"**

SILVER



"Grown at Kekerengu, south of the Awatere Valley, the 2016 vintage (4.5\*) was mostly handled in tanks, but 15 per cent of the blend was fermented and matured in French oak barrels. Light lemon/green, it is mouthfilling and concentrated, with strong tropical fruit and herbaceous flavours, showing good complexity, and a poised, long finish. Best drinking 2018."

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**4 stars** YVONNE LORKIN

"Simon Waghorn and his wife Jane founded Astrolabe back in 1996 and over the following 21 years, his sauvignon blanc's have become the stuff of legend. Kekerengu is so far south, it's almost in Kaikoura ...With its passionfruit, lemongrass and basil brilliance, it's choice-as with mussel and chorizo fritters."

Yvonne Lorkin yvonnelorkin.com December 3rd, 2017

