



ASTROLABE

2018

KEKERENGU COAST

SAUVIGNON BLANC

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VARIETY

100% sauvignon blanc.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown in the Taihoa and Sleepers Vineyards of the Kekerengu Coast sub-region of Marlborough.

LOCALITY

Kekerengu Coast, Marlborough, New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	12.50%
Residual sugar	<1 g/l
Total acidity	6.4 g/l
pH	3.48

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: Free-draining stony, silty loam with some limestone.

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

Harvest Date: 7th to 9th April 2018.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were machine harvested in cool conditions, de-stemmed and lightly pressed with minimal skin contact. Clear juice was tank-fermented at low temperature using neutral yeast strains to allow the powerful fruit flavours to dominate. I blended in a sixteen percent portion of whole bunch pressed, high solids, and wild yeast barrel ferment to add subtle texture and complexity. Bottled 5th December, 2018.

Simon Waghorn, Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines

